

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Not Easy Talks

TODAY is an important date for the people of Malaya. If the secret negotiations between the chief ministers of the Malayan Federal Government and Singapore and Chin Peng the leader of the Communist terrorists fructify satisfactorily the eight-year state of war can come to an immediate end; the distressing alternative is continuation of the emergency and its attendant jungle hostilities.

The talks stem from an amnesty offer made to the Communist guerrillas some months ago and which failed to produce hoped-for results. Very few of the bandits have taken advantage of the offer and there has been no diminishing of terrorist acts by the Communists. Against this background the prospects of successful negotiations by Tengku Abdul Rahman and Mr. Marshall do not appear to be particularly bright.

The great unknown factor in Chin Peng's attitude to the negotiations. Has he undergone a change of heart? If not, and if he is determined to attempt to dictate terms, the meeting can be written off as a waste of time before it starts. The Communist leader cannot negotiate from a position of strength, and any effort by him to suggest otherwise will be a transparent bluff.

His representatives of the Malayan and Singapore governments are confident they hold the trump cards; that because the Communists have been steadily losing the jungle war they can, if necessary, adopt a "take it or leave it" attitude towards the Communist delegate. This confidence may be well founded, yet everybody will be curious to know precisely what offer they are going to make to Chin Peng.

The Malaya Communist Party are suggesting that Chin Peng will be prepared to accept "reasonable terms," without indicating what they consider these should or might be. The amnesty offer will undoubtedly be repeated, but this must be accompanied by conditions, chief of which is likely to be disarmament of the Communist Party in Malaya. This is the one condition which Chin Peng will be hard put to accept. On the contrary, if he is going to the negotiations armed with "terms" assuredly they will include the continued existence and recognition of the Communist Party in Malaya. If the talks founder, it will be on this point.

It has been observed by Tengku Abdul Rahman that he and Mr. Marshall, because they are in a strong negotiating position, can afford to be lenient. Again the question arises, in what direction? Organised Communism is a threat to the security of Malaya and Singapore; cessation of jungle hostilities would not guarantee cessation of other subversive activities by the Reds. And as for personal leniency, Chin Peng is probably unconcerned about the proposition.

The bubbling confidence of Tengku Abdul Rahman that he and Marshall can successfully negotiate with Chin Peng is heartening, although one hopes it is not misplaced. The Communist leader is a tough, ruthless and clever man. It is not going to be easy to persuade him to surrender everything that he has worked for during the past eight years, admit humiliating defeat and acquiesce in the elimination of his beloved Communist Party.

History may be made in the little village of Baling today, yet it will occasion no great surprise if Chin Peng flings back into their faces the terms of Tengku Abdul Rahman and Mr. Marshall, having previously made up his mind that nothing offered could be regarded by him as "reasonable."

NEW PEACE MOVE BY ISRAEL

EGYPT TO BE ASKED TO TALKS

Jerusalem, Dec. 27.

Israel announced today she intended to propose the convocation of a conference with Egypt under article 12 of the Egyptian-Israeli general armistice agreement of 1949 "with a view to contributing to the restoration of peace between the two countries."

Major-General E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the United Nations truce supervisory organisation in Palestine, has been informed of Israel's intentions.

Disclosing this today an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said Israel would use her right to convene such a conference "after an effective ceasefire had been reached and an armistice agreement faithfully implemented by Egypt."

Article 12 section three of the Egyptian-Israeli armistice agreement provides that the countries can with mutual consent call for such meetings to review or revise the agreement.

The same section also provides that in the event of disagreement each of the countries can ask the United Nations Secretary-General to convene such a meeting making participation in a conference obligatory.

ISRAEL ACCEPTS

Israel also announced tonight acceptance of Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld's proposals for regulating the situation in the demilitarised zone.

Mr. Hammarskjöld had proposed the completion of marking the boundary of the old Palestine along the Western demilitarised zone, the restriction by Egypt of all check posts and defence posts to the West of the Western boundary of the demilitarised zone and the removal of personnel obstacles and land mines from all positions within the zone, simultaneous removal by Israel of all obstacles and mines and limitation of Israeli personnel to the inhabitants of Kibbutz Keizot and 30 civilian police for the protection of civilian activities. —Reuter and United Press.

STORMY ELECTION MEETING IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 27.

The French Communist Party Secretary, M. Jacques Duclos, tonight challenged the former Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France to join with the Communists in a "popular front" of left-wing parties.

M. Duclos was speaking in Paris on the same platform with M. Mendes-France at the most sensational political rally of the present political election campaign.

Thousands of excited Parisians packed the auditorium where the two men spoke. So many people turned up tonight for the public meeting of M. Mendes-France and M. Duclos that loud-speakers had to be installed outside the building so that the overflow of the crowd could hear.

Heckled By Crowd

M. Mendes-France, who spoke first, presented the platform of the "Republican Front," his left-wing alliance, opposing Premier Edgar Faure. He was constantly interrupted by shouts from the Communists in the crowd of "Popular Front."

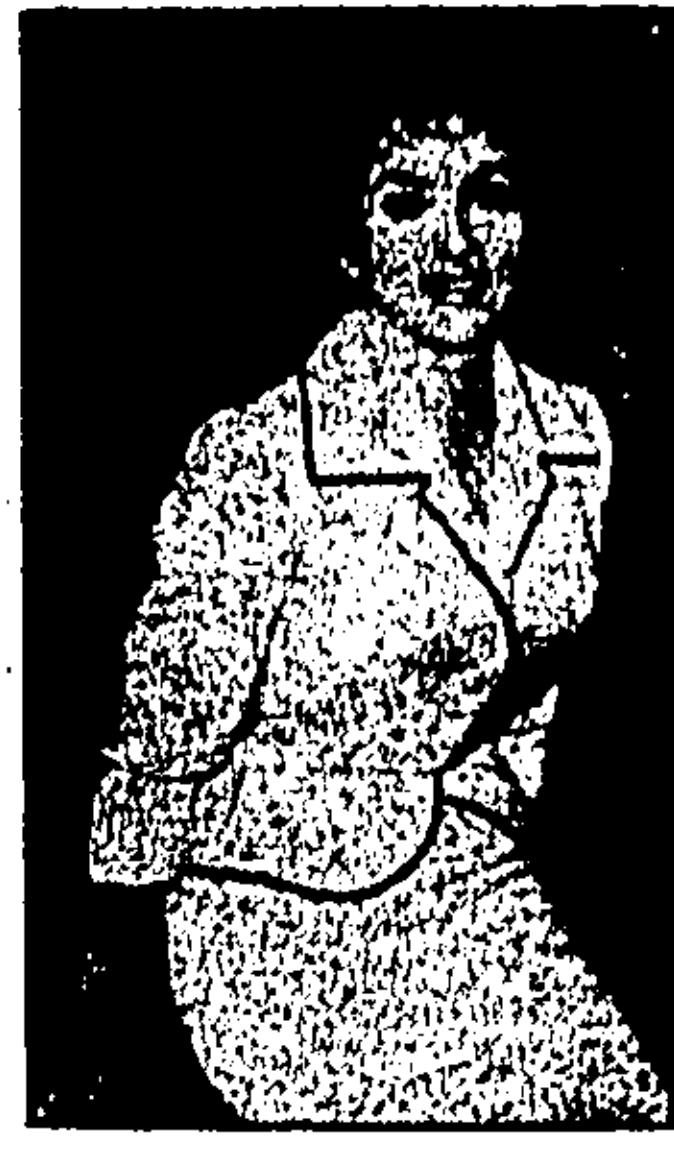
The "Popular Front" was a reference to the political alliance of the Communists, Socialists and Radical-Socialist parties, which campaigned together before the formation of Premier Blum's government in 1936.

"La Lollo" Wins Tax Victory



Silvana Pampanini

Rome, Dec. 27. Italian screen beauty Gina Lollobrigida today won a smashing victory over her sultry rival Sophia Loren when the Rome Municipal Tax Office announced that, in their eyes, Lollobrigida was worth 80 million lire (just over £40,000) against only 25 million for Sophia Loren.



Gina Lollobrigida

Sophia Loren was also beaten in the tax race by green-eyed actress Silvana Pampanini, who was estimated to be worth 60 million lire by the tax office.

The only film personality who equaled Lollobrigida in the eyes of Rome tax officials was the comedian "Toto", who



Sophia Loren

also was listed to be worth 80 million lire.

The real tax honours went to Prince Alessandro Torlonia, who was estimated to be worth about 700 million lire (about £400,000).

The Prince, more modest than the tax officials, had declared his fortune at a mere 26 million lire. —France-Press.

CHIN PENG ARRIVES IN BALING FOR VITAL TALKS

Baling, Dec. 28.

Chin Peng, 33-year-old Secretary General of the Malayan Communist Party, today emerged from the jungle near the Thailand border for talks with the Chief Ministers of Malaya and Singapore which may end the country's emergency.

It was the first time Chin Peng has been seen in public since he went underground almost eight years ago.

He was met in a jungle clearing by a Government escorting officer, Mr. John Davis, who once fought with Chin Peng against the Japanese during World War II in the same area of Malaya.

HEAVY ESCORT

Two other Communist representatives arrived at a rendezvous at 0957 local time, three minutes before schedule.

They were taken in a heavy escorted convoy to a meeting place in Baling English school. Meanwhile, armed escort groups of about 40 Communist terrorists and an equal number of Malay field force Police

were facing each other 400 yards apart along the lonely jungle road as Mr. Davis walked into the jungle clearing to meet the Communist leaders.

In Baling, Chin Peng's team will meet Tengku Abdul Rahman, the Chief Minister of Malaya, Mr. David Marshall, the Chief Minister of Singapore, and Datu Sir Cheng Lock-tan, the President of the Malayan Chinese Association.

The government side will be prepared to discuss the amnesty offer made to the 3,500 Communist terrorists now operating in the jungle.

HIS DEMAND?

But it is believed from a recent Communist Party manifesto that Chin Peng will ask for negotiations to end the "war" and for political recognition and a part in establishing Malaya's independence.

The Chief Ministers of Malaya and Singapore travelled from Kuala Lumpur to Baling last night.

Leader in the talks on the Government side is Tengku Abdul Rahman, Malaya's Chief Minister, whose offer of an amnesty to the Communists, last September, led up to today's talks.

With him, travelling from Kuala Lumpur by train tonight, is Mr. David Marshall, Singapore's Chief Minister.

In Baling they will join up with Datu Sir Cheng Lock-tan, president of the Malayan Chinese Association, who will complete the Government team.

SECRET TALKS

Their talks are to be secret. Baling is now the centre of a tight security area and in the middle of the town itself, cut off by barbed wire and by police and military guards, is a smaller

Record U.S. Holiday Death Toll

New York, Dec. 27. At least 605 people died in traffic accidents in the United States over the Christmas holidays—an all-time record.

The National Safety Council repeatedly revised the death toll today as delayed reports of road tragedies filtered into its headquarters. About 58 other people died in fires and a further 185 from other causes setting a new record for the number of violent deaths of all types in a three-day Christmas holiday. —Reuter.

"DROWNED" CITY HIT BY SECOND FLOOD

San Francisco, Dec. 27.

Disaster-ridden Yuba City went under virtual martial law today as a new flood inundated half the city. Three hundred soldiers were ordered out to guard against looters.

A new crest, rolling down the Feather River from the High Sierra, pushed past the city early today, sending another deluge of water pouring through the original levee break.

Within a matter of a few hours, half the town was under water for the second time in four days—some of it to a depth of three feet.

The newest flood interrupted the search for additional casualties as the toll through-out California and Oregon rose to 58. Thirteen deaths were

notified in Oregon and 45 in California, including 14 in the Yuba area alone.

Sutter County officials said the full casualty figures were not yet known in the Yuba flood area. They fear the death toll may rise.

\$100 MILLION DAMAGE

Damage from the disastrous series of floods in California and Oregon was unofficially set at \$100,000,000 today and was still mounting as State, local and Federal authorities surveyed the ruins.

Today's flooding in the Sacramento Valley community could do little or no additional damage and officials waited for the water to recede a second time before beginning the job of clearing up and rebuilding.

The city's 10,000 residents were still prevented from returning to their homes, mainly due to the danger of disease from a contaminated water supply. Medical authorities were preparing for mass typhoid inoculations.

There was little possibility of a nuclear ship being operated more cheaply than present-day vessels burning coal or oil fuel. Weight, size, and the need for special security precautions were other reasons given for little early prospect of a nuclear ship. "If under present conditions a nuclear-powered ship were to sink in a large port the damage would be incalculable," the report explained. —Reuter.

The City Council previously had more than 100 armed guards patrolling the streets and last night it piloted a 5 p.m. curfew in effect. No one was allowed out after dark without a special pass. —United Press.

30 U.S. REPORTERS ARE INVESTIGATED

Communist Activities In Newspapers?

Washington, Dec. 27.

About 30 journalists of the "New York Times" newspaper have been questioned in a closed session of the United States Senate Internal Security sub-committee in recent weeks, it was learned today.

Reporters for certain other publications—including the New York Post, the New York Daily Mirror, the New York Daily News and "Time" magazine—have also been questioned by the committee.

The investigation into the "Times" was touched off by statements made last June by Winston Burdett, a radio news commentator, who said that from 1937 to 1942, he had belonged to a Communist "cell" in the now defunct "Brooklyn Eagle" newspaper.

Burdett named 23 journalists who, he said, were either Communists or crypto-Communists, some of whom had worked at one time or another for the "Times".

The "Times" has frequently attacked the methods of the Internal Security sub-committee, especially at the time when that committee was headed by Senator Joseph McCarthy. The sub-committee is now headed by Democratic Senator James Eastland who said last July that he did not want to threaten the press, but only Communists who have succeeded

in infiltrating the newspapers. —France-Press.

Pact Ratified

Washington, Dec. 27. West Germany today completed the ratification of its mutual defence pact with the United States by depositing the instruments of ratification at the State Department. The ceremony clears the way for the first deliveries of American arms to West Germany within the next few weeks. —France-Press.

SUDDEN DEATH OF U.K. UNION LEADER

London, Dec. 27. Mr. Arthur "Jock" Tiffin, General Secretary of Britain's biggest trade union—the 1,300,000 strong Transport and General Workers' Union—died in hospital today.



A. E. TIFFIN

He had only held the office since June succeeding Mr. Arthur Denkin who collapsed and died last May.

Mr. Tiffin, who was 59, was a former London bus driver and was for many years assistant to Mr. Denkin—one of the most powerful men in the British trade union movement.

Mr. Tiffin was twice married and had two sons. He was born in Cumberland in north-west England.

The job of General Secretary of the T. G. W. U. is regarded as one of the key posts in British trade unionism and carries a salary of £1,800 a year.

Mr. Denkin's predecessor in office was the late Mr. Ernest Bevin, a former Labour Foreign Secretary and Minister of Labour in Sir Winston Churchill's wartime coalition government. —Reuter.

Russians Free U.S. Soldier

Berlin, Dec. 27.

Soviet Russia abided by four-power agreements on control of Berlin tonight and released an American sergeant arrested by East Berlin Police on charges of drunken driving.

The Russians turned M/Sgt. Mike Klimm, 47, of New York, over to the American authorities at Soviet headquarters. He was arrested by the Communist "People's Police" last night after his car collided with a taxi in East Berlin.

The East German Communists said Klimm was drunk and passed a stop sign. Their charges indicated they might attempt to try him in an East German court. —United Press.

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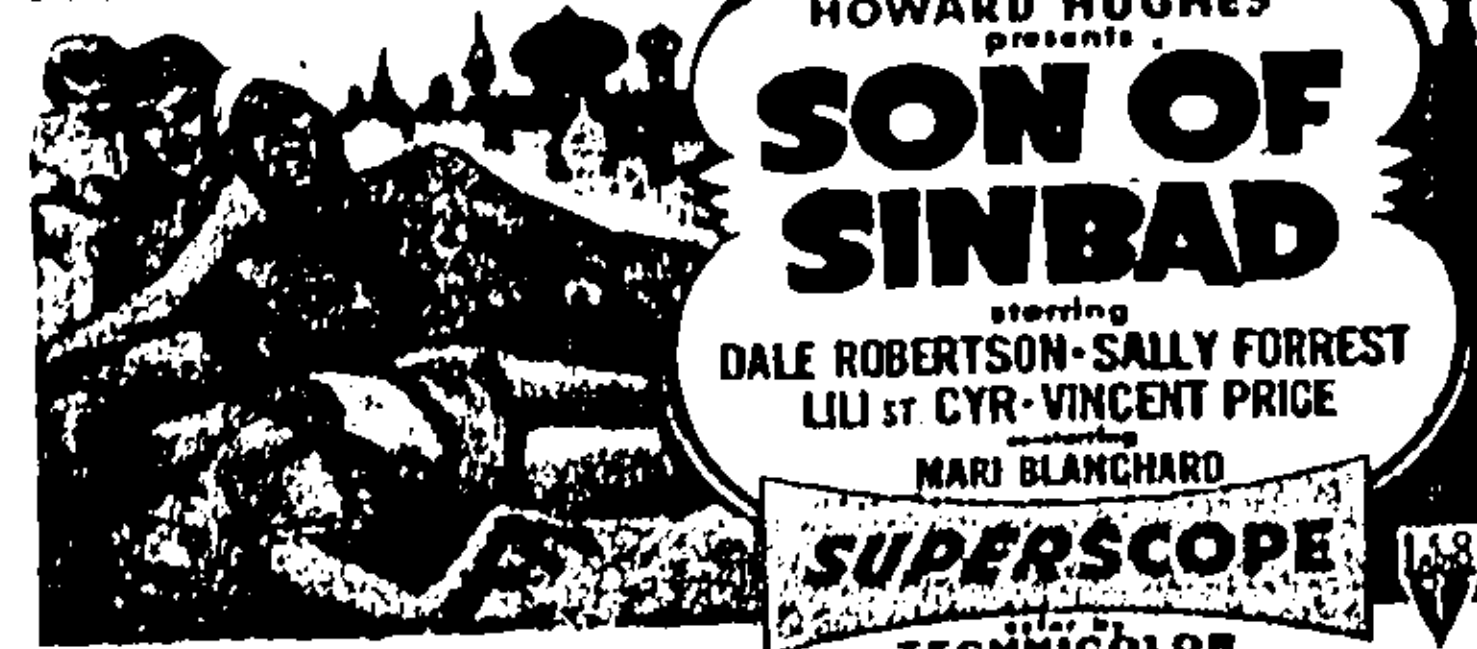
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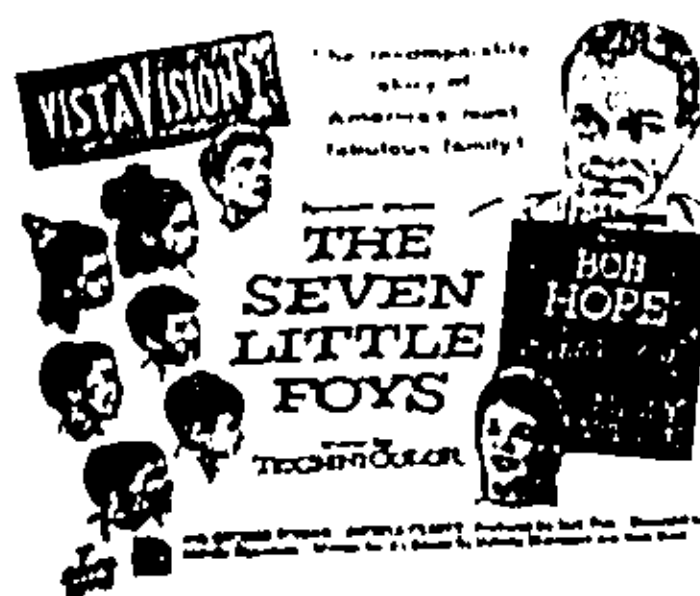
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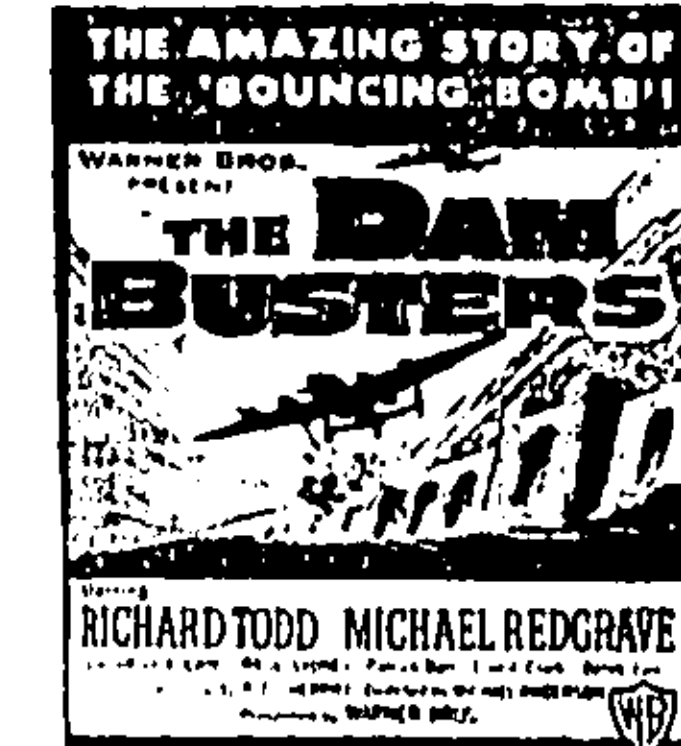
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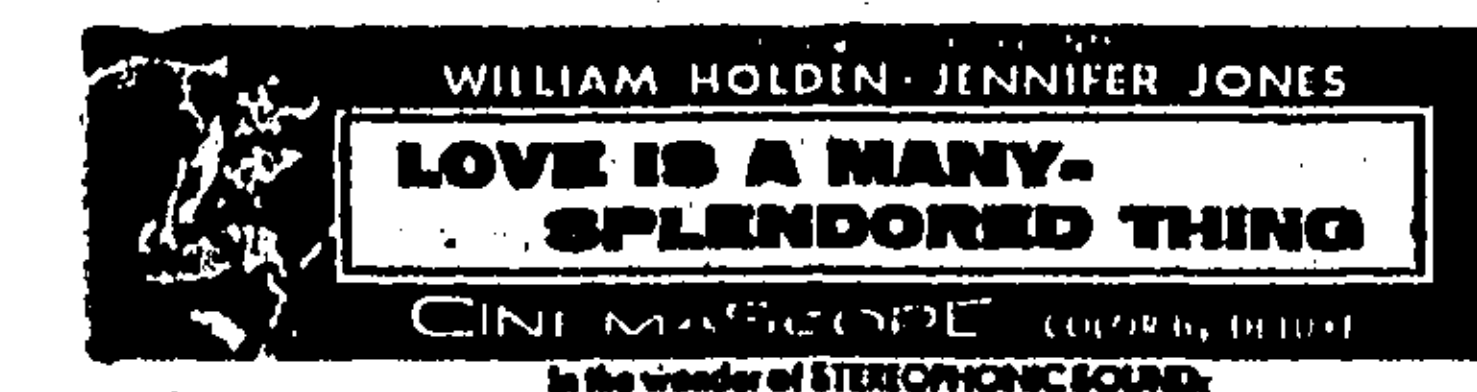
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Belgian Bridge Opened



King Baudouin of the Belgians presses a button and opens the Tamise's longest bridge. The ceremony took place at Tamise. Six thousand tons of steel were used in constructing the bridge, which is 1,197½ feet long. — Express Photo.

International Geophysical Year

FULL RUSSIAN CO-OPERATION

Atlanta, Georgia, Dec. 27.

An American scientist said today that Russia is co-operating fully in the interchange of information connected with man's efforts to discover more of nature's secrets during the International Geophysical Year.

The 44-nation scientific project will reach its apex during the IGY from July 1, 1957 to January 1, 1958, when scientific instruments around the globe are brought to bear on unified targets.

In that period, for instance, the sun will be under close observation in an effort to find out how much it has to do with such things as tidal waves, floods and earthquakes.

Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner, vice-president of the IGY committee, opened a three-day symposium to bring his colleagues up to date on the preparations and scope of the giant scientific undertaking — man's greatest single probe of nature's secrets.

Question Marks

The symposium is being held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Berkner said that the Soviet Union is working closely with the United States and "I am sure that the co-operation is bona fide."

He said much of the programme would fall without Russia's help because Asia contains some of the big questions.

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1955 Marked End Of An Epoch In Britain

London, Dec. 27.

The year 1955 in Britain marked the end of an epoch. On April 5, Sir Winston Churchill, the last survivor of the "Big Three" of World War Two, hero of over half-a-century of political strife, retired from active political life. By a strong irony of fate, the 81-year-old statesman, because of a newspaper strike, went into retirement almost unheralded and unsung.

His successor as Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, called a general election on May 26, in which the Conservative Party was returned with an increased majority in an optimistic atmosphere of apparent prosperity, full employment and increasing purchasing power.

But soon a wave of strikes affecting almost every major industry showed that, behind its bright shop window, the British economy was seriously threatened by inflation, rising prices and wage demands.

Special Budget

In a special autumn budget, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Richard Butler, introduced new taxation and made a 20 per cent increase in the purchase tax on many consumer goods.

But this effort to check home spending has been offset by an unparalleled Christmas shopping spree by the British public.

At the year's end, no solution has been found to the problem of Britain's finances and balance of payments, which continues to dominate the whole policy of the Government.

In a Government reshuffle on December 20 Sir Anthony Eden removed the last trace of his inheritance from Sir Winston Churchill. The replacement of Mr. Butler by Mr. Harold Macmillan as Chancellor of the Exchequer appeared to foreshadow a change in the economic policy and new efforts to check inflation.

New Difficulties

In the field of foreign policy, the master plan of Sir Winston Churchill — that of a Big Four meeting "at the summit" — was put into effect soon after Sir Winston's retirement.

The breakdown in the "Geneva spirit" has been particularly felt in London since Britain's policy has been to promote conciliation between the two rival blocs.

In other aspects of its foreign policy, Britain has also encountered new difficulties and disappointments.

A conference on the future of Cyprus in London last August ended in a breakdown in negotiations between Greece, Turkey and Britain. The failure of the conference has been followed by a mounting wave of unrest in the island.

In the Middle East the signature of the Baghdad Pact has been offset by Soviet arms offers to Egypt and its allies and by the Soviet overtures to Afghanistan, India and Burma. The Government reshuffle just before Christmas seems to indicate that Britain will once more try to take the initiative in foreign policy.

US Election

The Prime Minister, who for many years was Foreign Minister under Sir Winston Churchill, is expected to give much of his attention to foreign affairs. In 1956, new presidential elections will be held in the United States. This will almost inevitably make American action in international diplomacy less effective. Sir Anthony feels that a great responsibility for Western diplomacy will rest on Britain. — France-Press.

Football Team: Twelve Men And A Calf

Prague, Dec. 27.

Supporters of a Slovak football team propelled a calf into the home goal mouth just as a visiting forward was about to shoot.

The idea was to help their team, to which defeat would have meant relegation from the minor league division.

The state sports committee's official newspaper, Czechoslovakian Sport, reported this after warning in an earlier edition that "old habits, against which it is necessary to fight on a wide front, are dangerously coming back."

It said that in several cases spectators invaded the pitch in minor league games, and after one match which brought a score of 22-11, an investigation showed that the clubs had "fixed" the result in advance. Nine players were suspended. — China Mail Special.

NEW PIANO PLAYING RECORD

Florence, Dec. 27.

Pianist Vladimir Vannini, 30-year-old local band leader, played the last notes of the song "White Christmas" at 2.01 a.m. today and claimed a new world record. He had been playing the piano uninterruptedly for the last 49 hours, one minute and 27 seconds.

He started playing early Christmas morning after attending the traditional midnight mass, and kept going until today, drinking coffee and orange juice only.

He said his record improved that of American Donaid Ross, who pounded away for 48 hours last June in Brandon, Canada.

Vannini opened his endurance record with the same song with which he finished it. — United Press.

Mercy Call A Hoax

Melbourne, Dec. 27.

Drummers anxious to help a youth recover his lost memory jammed the Royal Melbourne Hospital's telephone switchboard for an hour with calls after someone faxed a radio station.

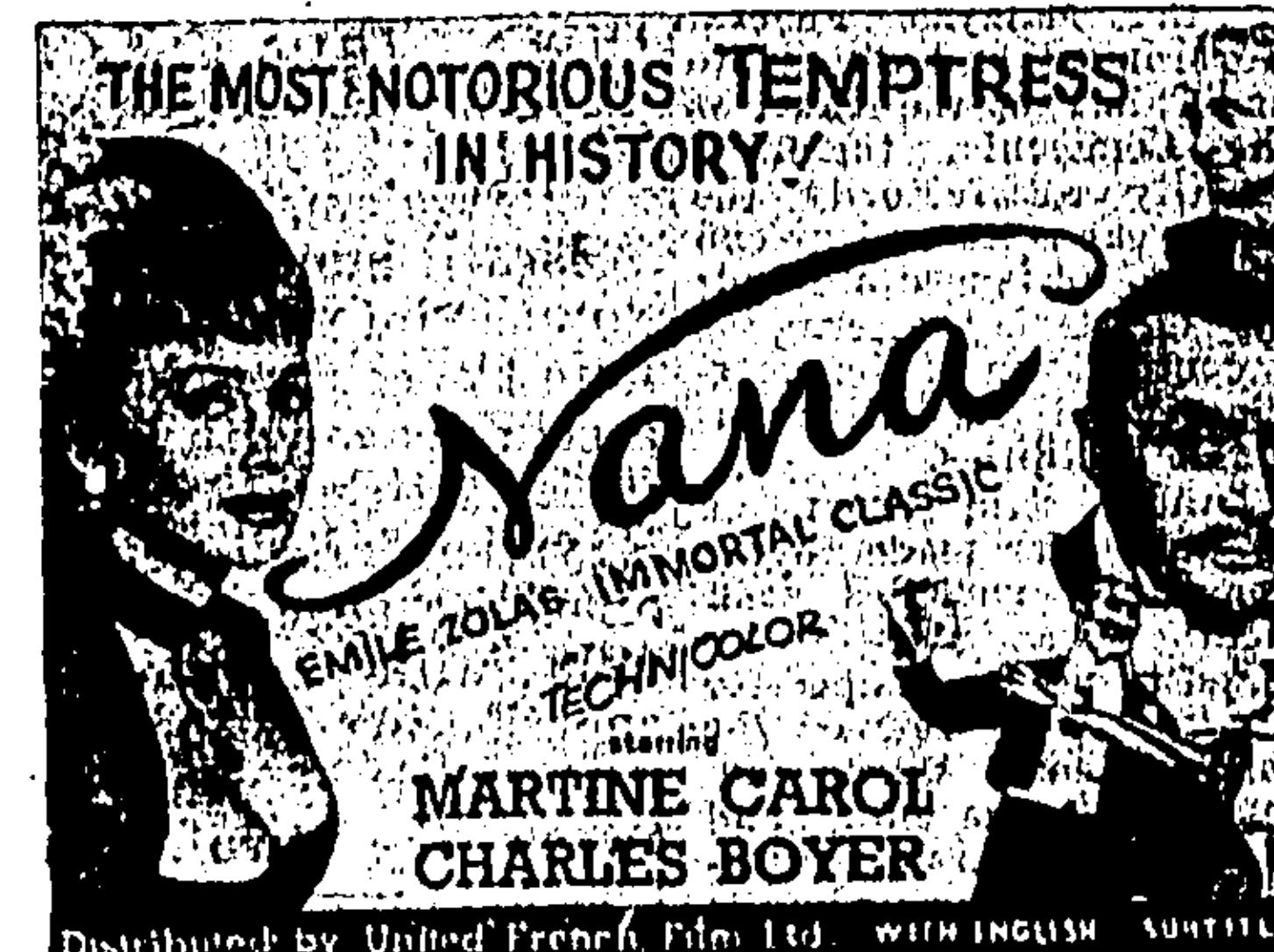
The radio broadcast an appeal which said the lost-memory youth had been a keen drummer and the familiar thud of drums might bring back his past. — China Mail Special.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

SHOWING TO-DAY



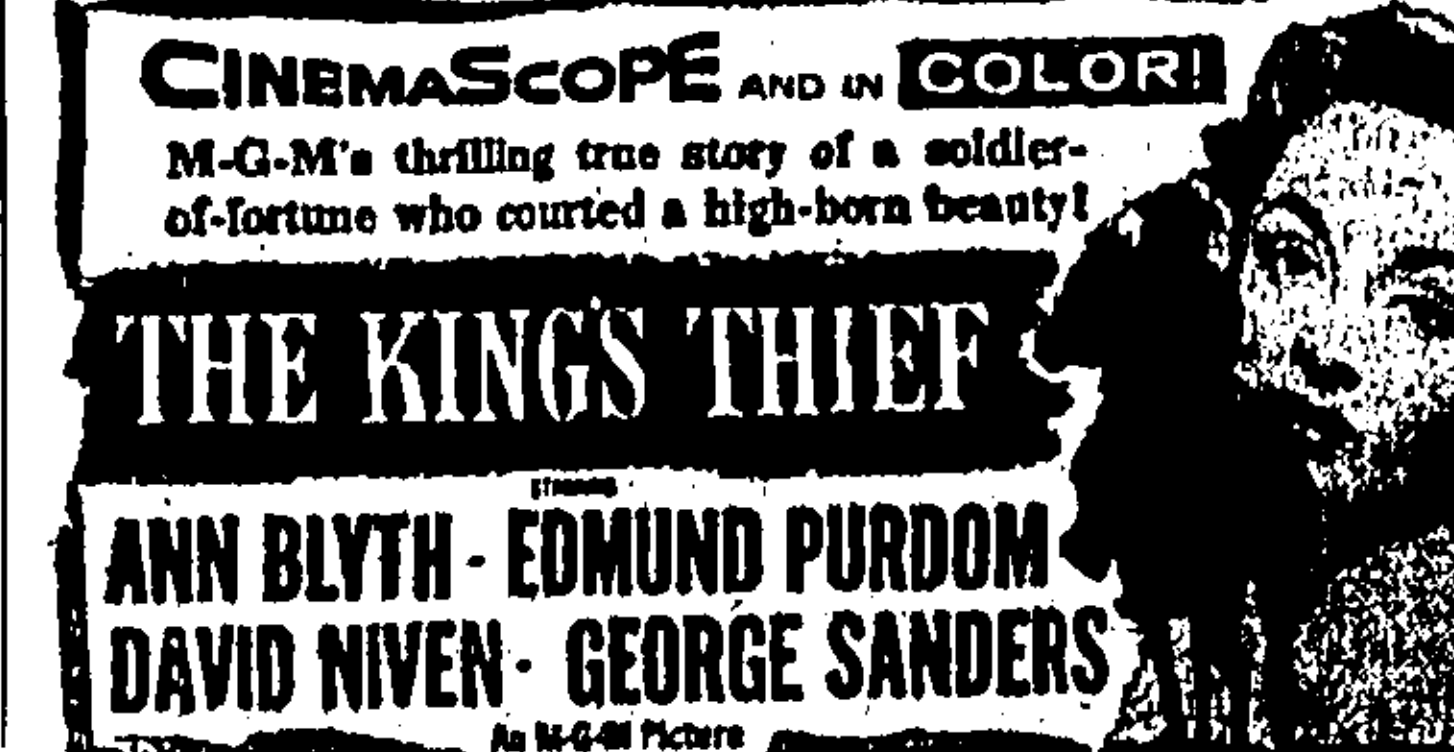
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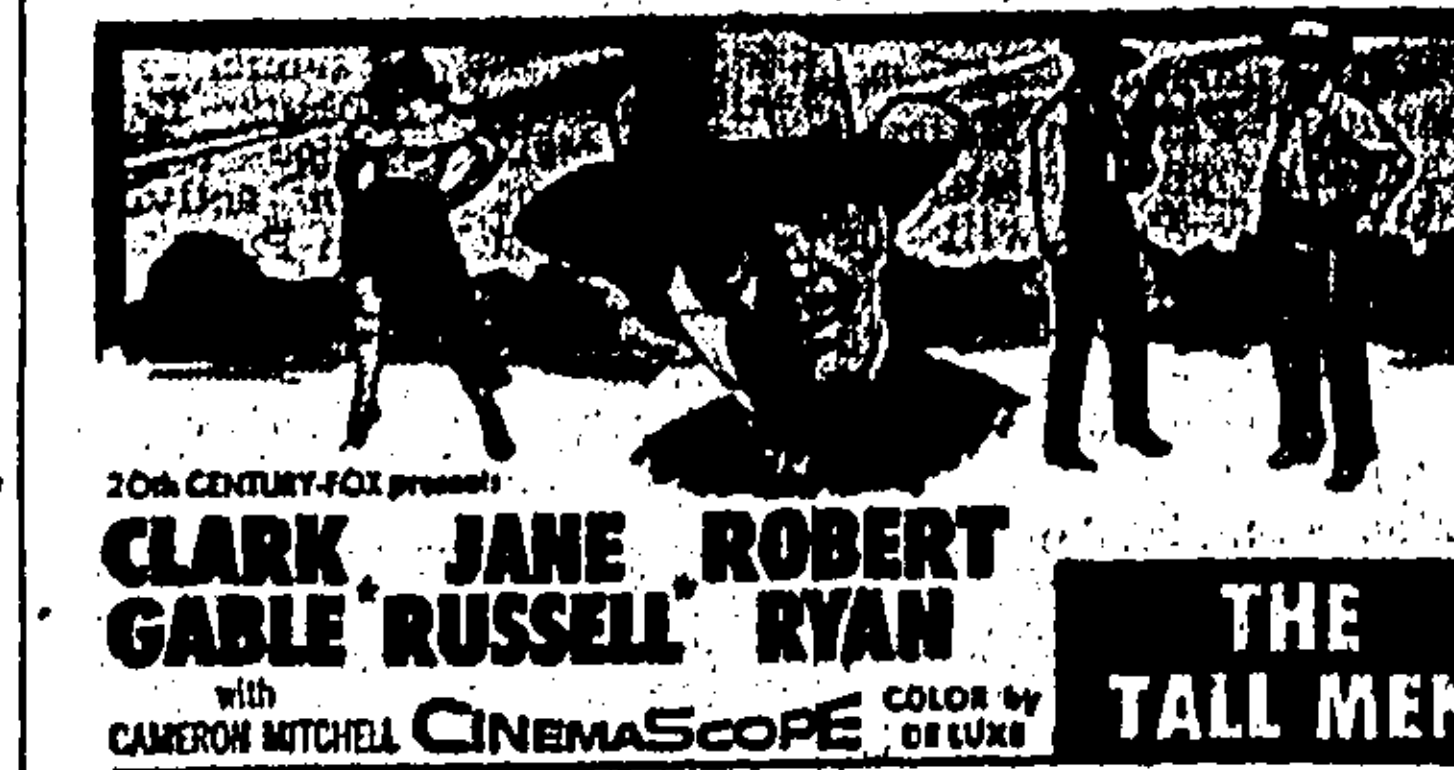


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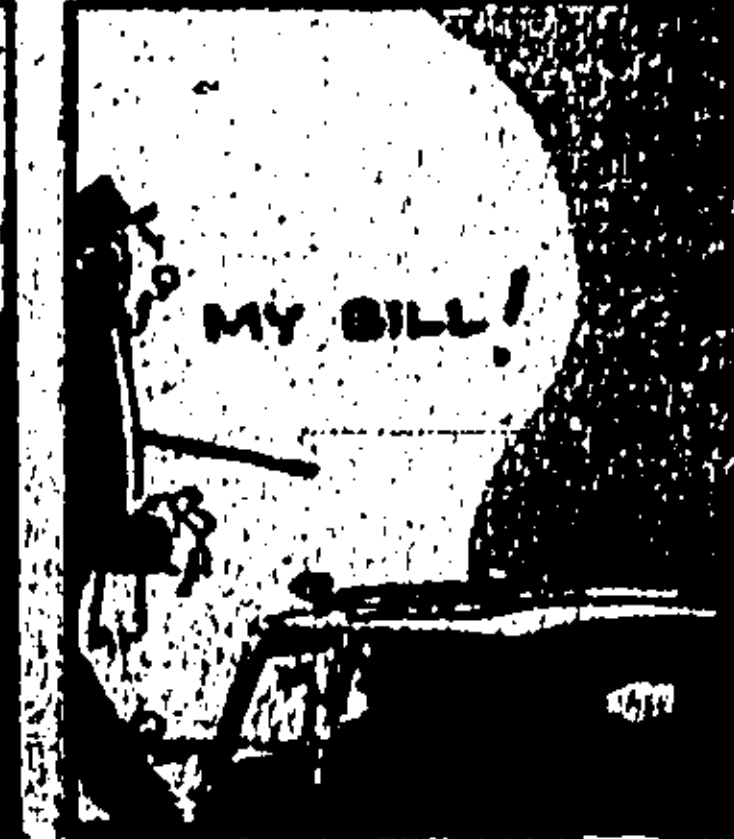
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Peaceful Use Of Atomic Energy

BRITAIN & FRANCE DO MOST FOR EUROPE'S INDUSTRY

Paris, Dec. 28.

Britain and France have done most of the work in Europe towards providing nuclear energy for industry, according to an official international report issued here today.

But Europe as a whole is backward in the development of nuclear energy for industry by comparison with the United States, the report adds.

The report was issued by a special working committee party of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC). It was prepared by the chairman of the committee, Mr. Leonore Nielsen, of Greece, and Mr. William Humphreys, of Britain, and Mr. Roger Ockert, of Belgium. It will be considered by the OEEC in January.

Useful Achievement

The working party visited 12 member countries and consulted OEEC delegates in Paris of five others before drawing up their report on the present state of industrial nuclear power in Europe and the possibility of economic and financial co-operation within OEEC to develop it.

They noted that most of the development so far was taking place in Britain and France, though they found also some useful achievements in Scandinavia.

They regarded some form of intra-European co-operation in the development of nuclear power as essential to success. They suggested that there should be a special OEEC steering committee on nuclear energy, and proposed six different forms of economic co-operation in the atomic energy field which would be the responsibility of this committee.

The OEEC report compared a number of European and American achievements in the atomic energy field demonstrating, it said, America's greater progress. —Reuter.

Ottawa, Dec. 27. Canada's population totalled 15,792,000 at December 1, a rise of 16,000 in three months, the Bureau of Statistics reported today. —China Mail Special.

Fangio To Be Investigated In Argentine

Buenos Aires, Dec. 27.

Prominent figures in sport, the theatre, the cinema and nearly all collaborators of the Peron regime figure in the new list of those whose funds have been attached pending investigation.

The total is 380. All must present themselves before the restoration board to give an account of their property to show it was legitimately acquired.

Among them are Juan Manuel Fangio, world champion racing driver, Juan and Oscar Galvez, and Jorge De Coste, also drivers, tennis player Maria Teran de Weiss, who is internationally known, and Carlos Menditeguy, Enrique and Juan Carlos Alessi, all polo players.

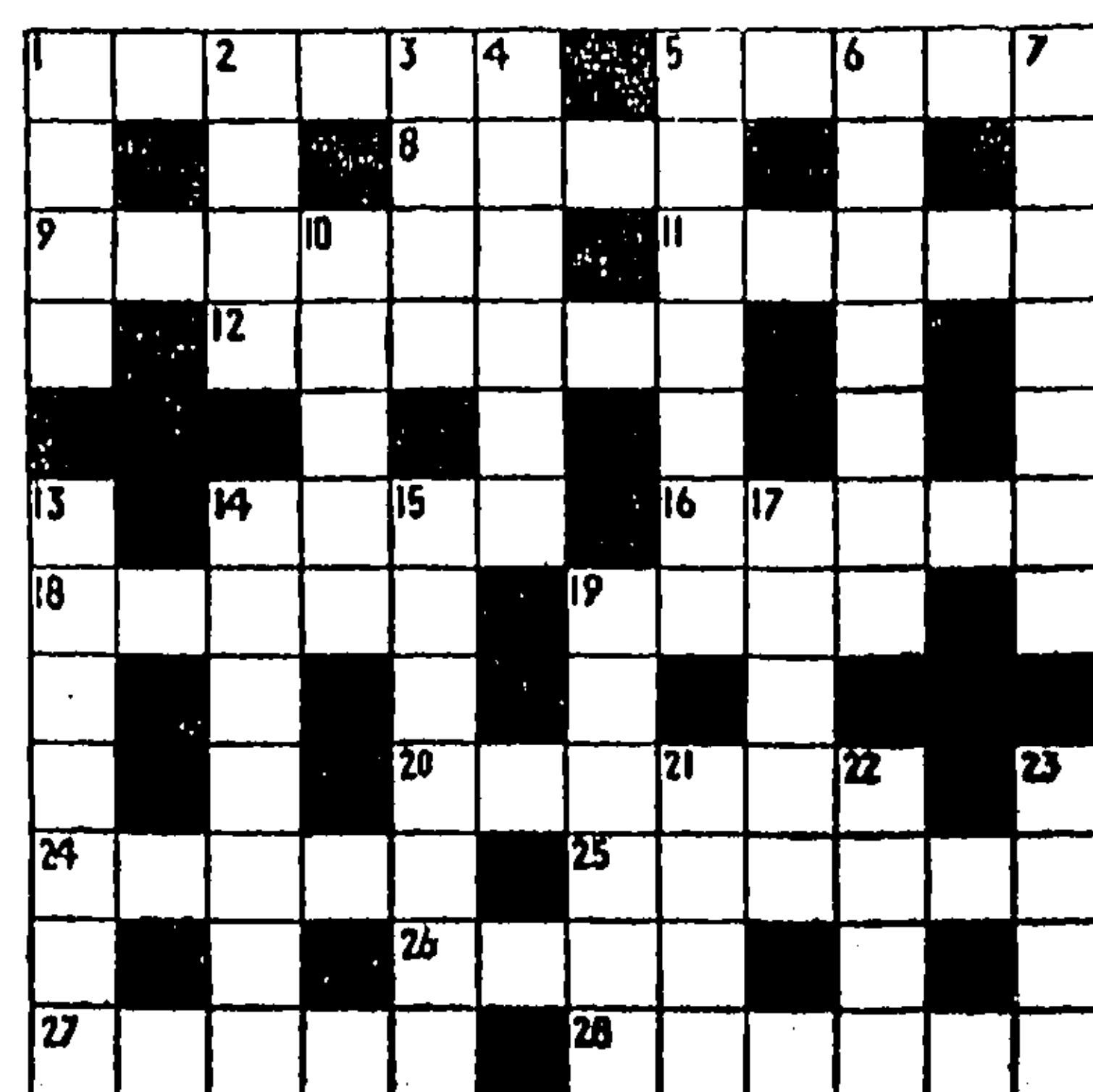
The list included the actresses, Fanny Navarro and Tita Merello, and radio announcers Luis Elias and Manuel and Boris Segal.

Ex-War Criminals Released

Berlin, Dec. 27. A group of 45 German prisoners from Bautzen prison in East Germany today reported to the Red Cross in West Berlin.

They were some of the 2,019 former war criminals released by the East German Government for the festive season. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Forced open (6).
 - Tendon (5).
 - Outlet (4).
 - Lifted (6).
 - Go in (5).
 - Dapper (6).
 - Donation (4).
 - Letting contract (5).
 - Diminish (6).
 - Dispose of (4).
 - Odorous (6).
 - Precise (5).
 - Fastener (6).
 - Wickedness (4).
 - Glucked (5).
 - Wit (6).
- DOWN**
- Wine (4).
 - Flower (4).
 - Always (4).
 - Subtract (6).
 - Spire (7).
 - Unaffected (7).
 - Templed (7).
 - Separate (5).
 - Gets the better of (7).
 - Brave (7).
 - Fed sumptuously (7).
 - Run off (5).
 - Sally (6).
 - Sickens (4).
 - Colony (4).
 - Unite (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Drama, 4 Vener, 8 Reeler, 10 Orate, 12 Rusted, 14 Startle, 17 More, 19 Avoided, 20 Initiate, 22 Dent, 23 Ears, 25 Teased, 26 Irons, 28 Device, 31 Grease, 32 Titan. Down: 1 Dues, 2 Arena, 3 Alert, 5 Eyot, 6 Eyaded, 7 Reeled, 9 Relative, 11 Renita, 13 Severed, 16 Trome, 18 Rotten, 19 Rein, 20 Idling, 21 Intone, 24 Adapt, 25 Idiot, 26 Green, 28 Asks.

SHOT LEADING CYPRIOT TERRORIST



Major Brian Jackson Coombes, British officer who fought and defeated four Cypriot terrorists when ambushed last week, is shown heading the funeral procession as chief mourner of his driver, killed in the ambush. One of the terrorists was killed by Major Coombes. He was Charalambos Mouskos, cousin of Archbishop Makarios. Mouskos had been hunted by British forces for five months, and there was a price of £5,000 on his head. —Express Photo.

Japan Trains Paratroopers

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hideo Nishida of Japan's Ground Self Defence Forces said Japan now has some 300 trained paratroopers in its army and expects to have a battalion soon.

He said that the force includes four majors and seven captains with between nine and 35 jumps to their credit. —China Mail Special.

MAKARIOS THANKS GREEKS

Nicosia, Dec. 27.

Archbishop Makarios, spiritual leader of the Cypriot Greeks, today thanked the Greek Government for "its active assistance and co-operation in the Cypriot people's struggle."

The Archbishop made his statement in a communique given to the press tonight after two days of talks here between the Archbishop and Mr. Alexios Liotis, an official of the Greek Foreign Ministry.

The communique said that Mr. Liotis had informed the Archbishop of the talks between Britain and Greece on the Cyprus question. It added that there was complete unity of views between the Cypriot Greeks and the Greek Government.

The communique disclosed that the Greek and British authorities had met in Paris on December 14 and 16 to discuss the Cyprus question. Mr. Liotis also met here today Sir John Harding, the British Governor of Cyprus. —France-Press.

Libel Suit Against Poujadist

Paris, Dec. 27.

M. Pierre Schneider, President of the French National Assembly, today filed a libel suit against Leon Dupont, a leader of the Poujadist anti-tax movement.

After making his allegedly libellous remarks at an election meeting at Chalon-sur-Marne on Sunday night, Dupont was reported to have said that he was waiting "impatiently and calmly to present himself before the magistrates."

Dupont will appear in court at Chalon next Thursday afternoon. M. Schneider represented the Marne constituency in the last Parliament. —France-Press.

Greece Withdraws 'Abduction' Stamps

Athens, Dec. 27.

Greece has withdrawn its "Children's abduction" series of postage stamps. The series was a set of three called "March," "Camp," and "Abduction," recalling events of the Greek civil war.

Another set commemorating the battle of Chios was also being withdrawn. —China Mail Special.

Indonesian-Dutch Relations Vague

The Hague, Dec. 27.

A "vague situation" has risen in the Netherlands - Indonesian ministers' conference being held here and in Geneva to improve relations between the two countries, according to conference circles today.

The last contact took place here on Friday when the conference's financial-economic working group met.

It is understood no date has been fixed yet for meeting after the Christmas interruption, although there seems to be a slight chance that the political working group may meet in Geneva on December 29 or 30.

Few Left

Some members and advisers of the Indonesian delegation are still there, but only a few administrative workers of the Dutch delegation.

Conference circles are maintaining strict silence about any results of the talks, which began on December 10 after preliminary consultations.

Differences on the basis of the guarantees for Dutch in-

terests in Indonesia are holding up the work of the financial-economic experts.

The Indonesians are understood to propose their future national legislation as a basis, while the Dutch want the customary inter-state agreements on such matters to apply.

Little Progress

Further, little progress seems to have been made on the other agenda points—abrogation of the Netherlands-Indonesian Union matters relating to New Guinea (but not Dutch sovereignty over the territory) and "the matters of interest," such as the position of Dutch prisoners in Indonesia. —Reuter.

Egypt Still Considering Dam Offer

Cairo, Dec. 27.

Mr. Henry Byroade, United States Ambassador to Egypt, told reporters here today that the Egyptian Government was "still considering" America's offer of aid in the building of the Asian High Dam on the Upper Nile.

After a meeting with the Egyptian Prime Minister, Lieutenant-Colonel Gamel Abdel Nasser, Mr. Byroade said: "I did not expect an answer today."

An Egyptian Government spokesman later confirmed that no agreement had yet been reached.

According to unconfirmed reports the United States and Britain are willing to give about \$70 million (about £25 million) to Egypt to carry out the first phase of the building of the dam. Details of how the money could be made available through the World Bank or otherwise have yet to be fixed.

No Details

Dr. A. Mostafa el Kairouni, Egypt's Finance Minister, returned to Cairo last week after discussing the Western offer with British, American and World Bank officials in Washington and London, as details of the discussions were disclosed.

Today Mr. Byroade discussed Dr. Kairouni's mission in Washington with Colonel Nasser. —Reuter.

Indonesian Naval Mission In France

Cherbourg, Dec. 27.

The Indonesian naval mission, headed by the Chief-of-Staff of the Indonesian Fleet, Rear-Admiral Subianto, today visited the French naval base of Cherbourg.

The Indonesian party who are on an official visit to France until January 4, were the luncheon guests of the Maritime Prefect, Vice-Admiral Perles.

Later they inspected the Normandy shipyards, where they went over the mine-sweeper Cephece, which will be launched tomorrow. Admiral Subianto and his party then left for Brest. —France-Press.

Blamed The Spacemen

Wellington, Dec. 27.

A reader who wrote to the local newspaper at Whangarei, North Island, advanced the theory that the crew and passengers who disappeared mysteriously from the 70-ton vessel Joyita were captured by spacemen in a flying saucer.

The Joyita was found drifting between Samoa and Fiji. All aboard had vanished.

"What better means of collecting a group of terrestrial beings as specimens than to take the personnel and equipment off a small defenceless vessel?" the reader asked. —China Mail Special.

Birds Damage Jet Planes

Badajoz, Dec. 27.

Three jet planes were slightly damaged when they flew into a flight of buzzards near the airfield here.

Badajoz airfield is the centre where Spanish pilots are trained in jet flying by American instructors.

The pilot of one plane had a lucky escape when a bird broke the cabin window. A bird was sucked into the jet intake of a second plane, and a third plane had its petrol tank dented. All planes landed safely. —China Mail Special.

Ships Propellers Of Nylon

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.

A Danish company expects to become the first in the world to produce ship propeller blades of nylon.

It reports excellent results from tests with nylon propeller blades intended to power fishing boats, and considers there are great possibilities with larger ships. Nylon blades are claimed to have special advantages for navigation in ice-filled waters. —China Mail Special.

OIL FOUND

Khartoum, Dec. 27.

The Sudanese press reported today oil has been found near El Fasher, in Darfur province. —United Press.

WONDER DRUGS FOR THE SOUL

Atlanta, Dec. 27.

New wonder drugs which work "like penicillin of the soul" have been found highly effective in the treatment of the love-lorn, the depressed, the financially embarrassed and the drink addicted, United States doctors and psychiatrists told the Congress of the American Association for Scientific Progress here today.

Chief among the new aids to psychiatry, cited were "Frenquel," "Reserpine," "Chlorpromazine," "Meratran" and "Miltown."

Violent Patients

Dr. Nina Toll, describing the new drugs, said that they spelled the beginning of a new era for psychiatric treatment, in the same way that penicillin had revolutionized medicine.

Dr. Toll said the "Frenquel" treatment had enabled patients hitherto considered incurable to understand their mental troubles and take an interest in life again. Remarkable results had been obtained in cases of hallucination and schizophrenia.

Dr. Werner Tietze and Dr. David Lepow told of the calming effect of "Reserpine" and "Chlorpromazine" on 12 violent mental patients who were able to return to their homes.

Dr. Richard Proctor told the Congress that 20 out of 26 of his patients who took to drink as a means of drowning their sorrows were able to withstand the urge for alcohol for periods of four to six months after "Meratran" treatment. Each time they felt the craving for drink, they simply took a "Meratran" pill.

Dr. Vernon A. Pennington described the success he had had with "Miltown" in cases of nervous tension. —France-Press.

RAT-CATCHERS DILEMMA

Sydney, Dec. 27.

A rich reward of gratitude awaits the man who can find a happy-ending title for the men who catch rats for Sydney City Council.

An alderman reported to the council that its attempt to solve the problem by changing "rat-catchers" to "rodent exterminators" had failed. The men's wives complained that their husbands were "still pointed out on the streets as rat-catchers," he said. —China Mail Special.

Teacher Held Captive In Mountain Cave

Heraklion, Dec. 27.

A beautiful young school-mistress, who disappeared after dismissing her pupils at the end of her lessons, returned home next day and said she had been held captive all night in a mountain cave by a rejected suitor.

She said that she had spent "a night of horror" after being whisked away by taxi.

Police arrested a local chauffeur. —China Mail Special.

LAST RIDE

Pretoria, Dec. 27.

Mr. Roelof Gouws, an invalid well-known locally, died as most people had always known him, still travelling in his wheelchair.

As he made his way home down Potgieter Street, Pretoria, his wheelchair gathered speed until a passer-by gave chase and brought it to a halt. Mr. Gouws was dead. —China Mail Special.

MINCED FISH FOR TROUT

Wellington, Dec. 27.

Trout in Lake Kaitawa, North Island, have grown to monstrous proportions on a diet of minced fish from the water-driven turbines of Kaitawa power station.

Trout 20 pounds are common. —China Mail Special.

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

At the request of N. Gubbins, Esq., his stomach made the following speech to a gathering of tums:

Ladies and gentlemen,
I rise (cheers and laughter)—no joke intended I can assure you—I rise to say a few words of comfort to my long-suffering brothers and sisters who once more are enduring Boxing Day, our worst 24 hours of the year.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am not going into the nauseating details of our ordeal. I am not giving you percentages of our average acid content, nor shall I measure the Nipples of alkalines that have come pouring down on us in an attempt to correct the balance and make us ready to endure more suffering.

I shall attempt, with your permission, to ease your unhappy situation by suggesting to you that our day of sacrifice must be borne cheerfully in order that those who unwittingly abuse us shall enjoy a brief respite from their labours. When I say unwittingly I mean that our tormentors are not wicked men and women. They are good-hearted, well-meaning people who, in the laudable spirit of good will, have allowed their enthusiasm to overcome their discretion.

Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, let us emulate their spirit of good will. Let us make the rest of their holiday as pleasant as we can.

I know this is difficult. (A voice, "You're telling us.") Although full of acid myself (oops, pardon me), I shall have to face pink gins followed by cold turkey today (a voice, "You're lucky, I shall have to face cold, fat goose"), despite the fact that I am still dealing inadequately with a surfeit of brandy-soaked Christmas pudding. (A voice, "I'm still struggling with mince pies made of lead.")

But I shall face it ladies and gentlemen. I shall fight back my nausea at the tables, at the buffet, at the bars. I shall never surrender. (Cries of "Good old Tum.") One word about lady stomachs. (A very old stomach, "God bless 'em.") In my youth ladies were moderate at all times, including Christmas. But the stress of life today has given them the appetites of men. I think there are several lady stomachs present who have had to deal with double whiskies, and one who will have to do the same to-night. (Cries of "Shame.")

Gentlemen, let us pay tribute to their gallantry. (Hear, hear.) Let us remember that although nature never intended these delicate flowers

for such treatment, they have taken their medicine like men. (Loud cheers.) Another word about the child stomachs now as tight as little drums stuffed with chocolate and rich cake. (Cries of "Poor little things.") Whatever they may be suffering from today, ladies and gentlemen, let us think of it as a preparation for sterner things to come, for Boxing Days some of us will never see (the very old stomach, weeping, "I never want to see another"), and let us go forward together, giving an example to youth of courage in adversity, of patience and endurance in the face of fearful odds.

Ladies and gentlemen, let us never forget that we are British stomachs. (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

The Sparrows
THE Sparrow's Nest, bright with little bits of coloured paper and torn ends of Christmas crackers found in dustbins on Boxing Day, would have been a happy place if The Sparrow had not been suffering from a seasonal hangover.

His wife, bouncing about the Nest and humming out of tune, was hoping he would observe the tiny pair of purple slacks she was wearing for the first time. But The Sparrow, his reddish beak buried in the fragment of a Sunday newspaper, took no notice.

"I hope you won't mind having a cold round worm today as we had it hot yesterday," she said, kicking one claw high in the air as she rested her tail against the doll's house table for support.

"For heaven's sake, don't talk about worms on a morning like this," said The Sparrow, growling as he turned in his little armchair.

"What's wrong with the morning?" his wife asked. "And don't ask silly questions," shouted The Sparrow. "I love Boxing Day," said his wife, "with all the cooking done and everything. That's why I'm wearing my new clothes."

She kicked the other claw in the air. Then she performed a small dance, turning round two or three times and ending with a little bow before the miniature mirror.

"Who the devil do you think you are?" snarled The Sparrow. "Margot Fonteyn?"

"I was wondering if you like my new slacks," said his wife. "Well, you can stop wondering," said The Sparrow. "I don't."

"I think they're ever so nice," said his wife. "And as warm as warm."

"You couldn't have anything much warmer than warm," said The Sparrow. "And they keep your legs ever so cosy in the wind."

"Don't be vulgar," said The Sparrow. "Vulgar?" asked his wife, a tear starting in her eye. "What's vulgar about your own wife's legs?"

"I don't want to hear about them, that's all," said The Sparrow. "If you must make a fool of yourself, why not wear drain-pipe jeans like the smart sparrows?"

"I could change them if you like," said his wife of scarlet jeans would be heaven. "I have other ideas about heaven," said The Sparrow, hopping to the front door.

"Not that awful Tree Tops Club again!" asked his wife, the tear rolling down her cheek. "No," said The Sparrow, flying straight to The Other Sparrow's Nest.

The Other Sparrow, in black, tight-fitting jeans, was lying on her toy settee, a cocktail glass in her claw. A scrap of scarlet ribbon round her neck served as a knitted handkerchief and matched the lipstick on her beak.



"I thought you told me that George was at the Smithfield this week."

London Express Service

Remember the man who set the first one off!



TRUMAN: I was the Man on a Tiger

By RENE MacCOLL

THE Presidency of the United States is not only the most powerful job in the world but also the loneliest. Harry S. Truman, in his book of memoirs published recently,* stresses this loneliness.

He says he always listened to what his Cabinet had to say about any given problem—but the ultimate responsibility was his alone.

And no more frightful responsibility could have come the way of any President—let alone a President who had got the job by accident when his predecessor died in office—than that of deciding about the atom bomb.

The year was 1945. Truman had been in the White House only three months. He was Mr Average Man from Missouri, projected into a place of unrivalled power.

* "Year of Decisions," by Harry S. Truman (Hodder and Stoughton, 30s.).

THIS is Year 10 of the Atomic Age. A year which—with the "blanket bomb"—is culminating in a new upsurge of the atom-bomb race between Russia and the West; and which—with the opening of the first British atom-power plant—also marks the real start of Atoms for Peace.

A YEAR in which, appropriately, comes the personal story of The Man who Made The Decision That Gave the Order That Pressed The Button That Dropped The Bomb That Made The World Atomic.

The news that it was ready reached Truman during the Potsdam Conference. Truman mentioned something about it to Stalin at a party. He deliberately played it down, and Stalin—failing to understand its importance—jokingly said that he hoped the Americans would "make good use of this against the Japanese."

The scientists recommended to Truman that the bomb be used as soon as possible. They recommended also that it should be used "without specific warning

and against a target which would clearly show its devastating strength."

Technical demonstrations or dress rehearsals were out. The enemy should be hit hard and right away.

"The final decision," writes Truman, "of where and when to use the bomb was up to me. Let there be no mistake about it. I regarded the bomb as a military weapon, and never had any doubt that it should be used. The top military advisers to the President recommended its use, and when I talked to Churchill he unhesitatingly told me he favoured the use of the A-bomb if it might aid to end the war."

A list of four cities was drawn up, all of them places of first-class military importance. They were Hiroshima, Kokuro, Nagasaki, and Niigata.

WE all know which were the two unlucky ones—but Nagasaki received the second A bomb ever dropped in anger only because the weather over Niigata was too thick.

On August 6, 1945, while Truman was on his way home, from Potsdam, aboard the U.S. heavy cruiser Augusta, he received the news of Hiroshima.

He was eating lunch with the members of the Augusta crew on the lower deck. "I was greatly moved..." I said to the group of sailors around me: "This is the greatest thing in history. It's time for us to go home."

That is the Truman quote that I like best of all. There is this wonderfully ironic footnote to the story of the A bomb:—The man who took the decision to use it had been, back in 1944, chairman of the United States Senate's committee to investigate the American war effort.

Truman, scenting reckless waste in some big buildings, sent investigators along. At once Henry L. Stimson, then Secretary for War, rushed to see him.

"Senator Truman," said Stimson earnestly, "I can't tell you what this is, but it's the greatest project in the history of the world. It

is top secret. We who know what it is would appreciate your not looking."

Truman adds: I had long known Stimson to be a great American patriot. "I'll take you at your word," I told him. "I'll stop the investigation."

A year later Truman not only knew the secret—he used it.

LIKABLE

I ADMIRE Truman. Through most of his two terms as President I was covering Washington for the Daily Express.

I studied him, reported him, grew fond of him. He is an extraordinarily likable human being. He is normally extremely affable. He can display a tigerish temper, as when he sat down and dashed off a notably intemperate letter to a music critic who had been unfriendly about his daughter Margaret's singing.

Above all, the man has courage. When the great Franklin Roosevelt died suddenly on April 12, 1945, catapulting Vice-President Truman into the world's No. 1 job—with the world still convulsed by war—few people felt that the new incumbent would do even middling well.

Greeted by the White House correspondents, he turned to them with sober humility (Truman is a devout man)—with—the words: "Boys, if you ever pray—pray for me now."

CHALLENGE

TO succeed such a Titan as Roosevelt was a tremendous and daunting challenge in itself alone. But to take over in all the fury and disarray, the crowding problems and incessant clamorous necessity for quick decisions on vital matters affecting millions of people everywhere, presented by that world of a decade ago—that was enough to make the bravest quail.

"Being a President," Harry Truman once said, "is like a man riding a tiger. He has to keep going or be swallowed."

Harry kept going.

POCKET CARTOON

By OSBERT LANCASTER



THE KELLY RULES for lone girls on the European Continent: You need good eyesight, a goodly supply of money, a chaperon within safe, whistling distance.

IT'S ROMANTIC, BUT A KISS IN THE STREET IS A CRIME

By Margaret Kelly

SPAIN, land of the legend, of generations of beautiful women and succession of harsh governments. Majorca, their paradise island in the sapphire Mediterranean, with moonlight bathing in crystal waters and nightclubs to suit every purse.

I had my fill of it, and never thought I could become so tired of the sound of castanets. Go into any cafe for a quiet drink,

and they advance towards you with their clackety-clack-clack. But the floor shows, even in the cheaper nightclubs, are first class, and at 2 a.m. it's the quiescence of luxury to watch performers straining every muscle in their fiery flamenco while you relax snugly with aniced coffee.

The clubs, which are mostly out-of-doors, have marble or concrete floors, and the dance bands play continuously. This makes for cramp in the ankles and long sessions with the same Spaniard, who, in garlic-laden breath, compares your eyes to the stars.

Slowly the translation jumps from Spanish to French and finally to English, your eyes have shed their sparkle as you crawl back to your table.

In one cafe I put 10 cents into what looked like a perfume machine. "I held my handkerchief underneath," and "got a squirt of aqueous oily substance."

The proprietor explained it was a machine for retelling your petrol lighter.

Discreetly and subtly, romance abounds in the island. Where we have back porches, they have benign palm and olive trees.

Nothing in the street is a great affront to the community, so much so that the guilty parties, when found, are freed. And the crime appears in the newspapers—e.g., "Senora A was found kissing Miguel B at Avenida C."

One native explained that I must not compare the food to French or Italian cooking. I wouldn't dream of it.

French and Italian cuisine is good to excellent; Spanish food is fair to poisonous, and it strikes the strong mightily before making a last-minute attack on the weak.

By tradition, Senoras do not walk alone in the streets at night, although this practice is not frowned upon in the main and brightly lit streets. But, of

course, no girl in her right mind would wander alone at night through dimly lit alleyways.

A great deal has been said about young girls travelling alone on the Continent. It's difficult to generalise even on this subject. Personally I think it's wiser to go in pairs.

If, however, a girl has visited a Continental town frequently and has a good knowledge of the language, I see no reason why she shouldn't go off on her own. The Continent is not inhabited by headhunters.

But trouble could befall a girl who, overtaken by loneliness and having a poor knowledge of the district, unwittingly makes a date with a type whose counterpart in her own country she would immediately classify as undesirable.

Having visited most of the Continental countries, the Kelly rules are short and simple, viz.—you need a good eyesight, a goodly supply of money and a chaperon within safe, whistling distance.



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HOME SOCCER

HAPPIEST CHRISTMASSES FOR UNITED, WEDNESDAY, ORIENT AND GRIMSBY

By Our Own CORRESPONDENT

London, Dec. 27.

It's back to normal now for England's Football League professionals. After a hectic week-end, with three games crammed into four days, they can relax again — at least until the League programme resumes on Saturday.

The happiest Christmas was for Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday, Leyton Orient and Grimsby Town. They emerged from a week-end of surprises and shock results as the leaders of the four Football League divisions.

But, oh how close it was! When Jimmy Gauld, a Scotsman, signed in the close season to replace leading scorer Eddie Firbank, it was a different story. With a 43,000 crowd to cheer them on, the Londoners pulled off the shock win of the day by three clear goals. It was no fluke either. The Arsenal were still in the lead, but the Londoners were still in the lead.

But when Charlton's tough defence came to the rescue. They held out and must have broken United's heart.

Led by swashbuckling Stuart Leary, surely the finest ball-playing centre-forward in Great Britain, Charlton hit back. First Gauld slipped in when a Hewie drive cannoned off a defender's head, and Charlton were one up.

PRESENT OF SECOND. Potted centre-half Jones gave Charlton a present of the second goal when his back pass, intended for goalkeeper Wood, strayed into the net from fully 25 yards.

Blackburn, the other half of Charlton's double spearhead pair, netted the third goal after Gauld had done the stage work.

But for Wood and skipper Roger Byrne, Charlton might have got more. But credit Manchester with playing football to the end and proving themselves gallant losers.

Manchester United, with 32 points, lead Blackpool, beaten 3-1 at Huddersfield today, by three points. Charlton share third spot with Luton. Both have 28 points.

But despite their almost sensational week-end Huddersfield held up the rest of the table. They have 16 points. Above them are Aston Villa, Sheffield United and Tottenham Hotspur, all with 17.

Thanks to a 5-1 win over Blackburn, Sheffield Wednesday are riding high on top of Division Two. Hull are still bottom, with 12 points, four points behind Plymouth Argyle.

BROKE DOWN

It seems that the powerful Leyton Orient scoring machine broke down over the week-end. Or perhaps it was Christmas spirit. But they had to be satisfied with three points for their holiday bonus. But three in six games was sufficient to keep them on top of Division Three South.

They led with 35 points, closely followed by All Ramsey's Ipswich with 34, Brighton and Torquay both with 33, Millwall and Swindon share the wooden spoon spots with 15 points apiece.

Accrington lost their chance of taking over as the Third Division North leaders when the referee declared the ground unfit. It was waterlogged — for their fixture with Southport.

So Grimsby, despite today's defeat, stay on top with 35 points. But Accrington, with that game in hand, are only one point behind them with Derby County in third position with 31 points. Barrow bring up the rear with 15 points, two points behind Crewe and Mansfield.

SAME MARK. Midgitt II is placed on the same mark as her stable companion, which means the filly is regarded as 3lb. the better, making the usual allowance for sex.

Midgitt II may have had an easy task in the Cheveley Park Stakes. Most of our allies had been coughing, and there is no doubt several were below par during First October week at Newmarket.

It was virtually a one-horse race from the time Poincelot started his run. Midgitt II sailed into the lead with the greatest of ease to beat La Fresnaye by four lengths.

I have tried to calculate the value of the form in the Middle Park and Cheveley Park without being able to find a satisfactory answer. There is electric timing at Newmarket, otherwise no time would have been possible for the Middle Park.

Whereas I am a believer in two-year-olds' times, there are occasions when I find it difficult to make a calculation. The handicapper has had to guess about the relative ability of Bulson Ardent and Midgitt II, and I find myself in the same position.

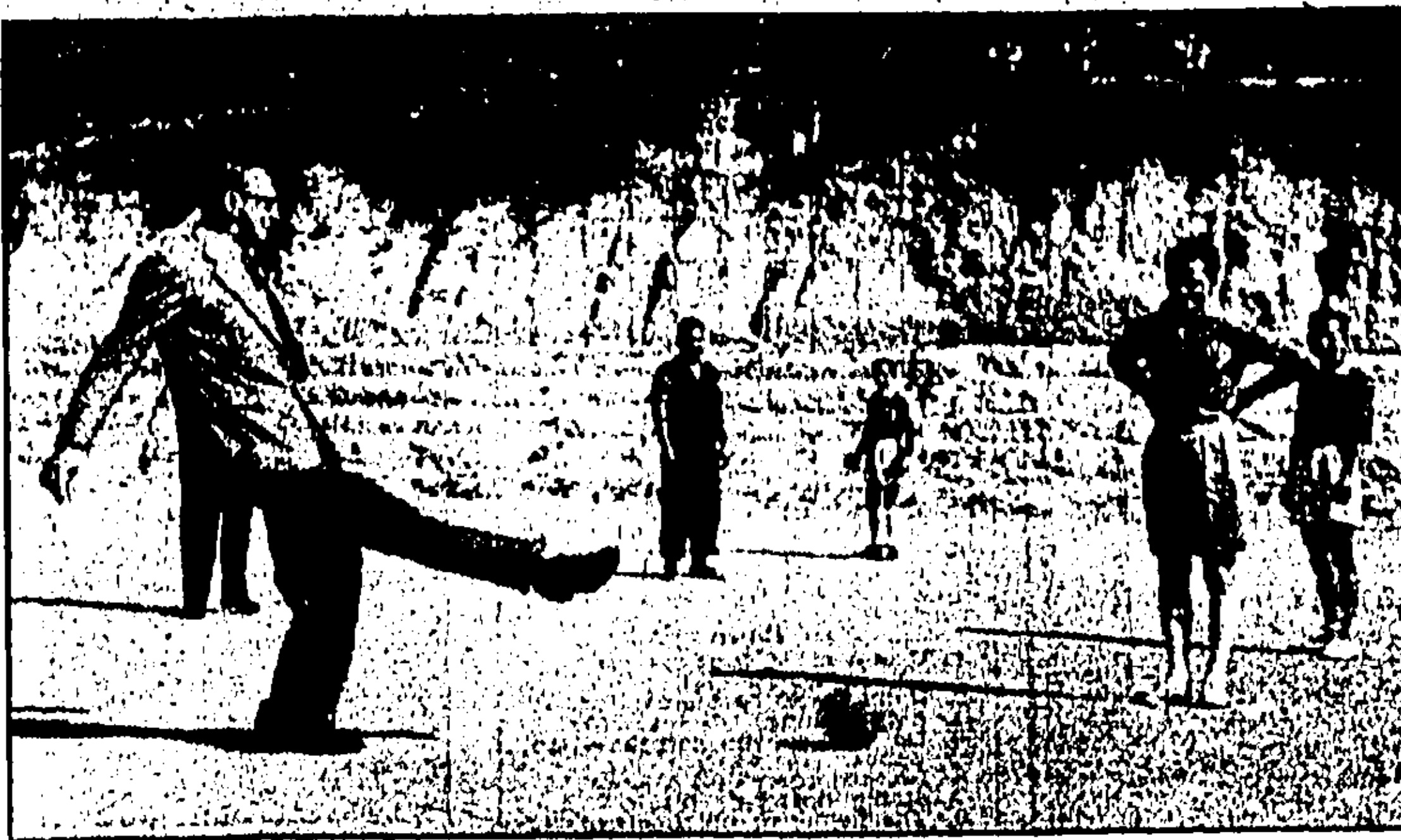
Certainly I do not regard Midgitt II as being so much in front of her stable companion as the watch would suggest. We shall have to trouble about Midgitt II only in the 1,000 Guineas next year. That is her sole classic liability in Britain. I should say connections are right in taking the view that the filly will not stay beyond a mile.

Midgitt II seems to take after her sire in respect of speed and it would not be surprising to learn that filly is laying plans to attempt the Guineas double with Bulson Ardent and Midgitt II.

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Ring Award To Ray Robinson. Paris, Dec. 27. French boxing critics have awarded the annual "Grand Prix du Ring" to Ray Robinson, who recently regained the World Middleweight boxing title. —China Mail Special.

FIRST THE KICK-OFF



Mr D. Benson, a Director of the South China Morning Post Co., Ltd., kicks off in the Heavyweights v. Featherweights match — a proper intra-staff do — at Cheung Chau on Boxing Day. Watching the kick-off technique is Peter Plumby, Featherweights' centre-forward.

THEN REAL ACTION



Here centre-forward Plumby, harassed on all sides by Heavyweight defenders, forgets which foot to use as demonstrated at the start of the match. — China Mail Photos.

ARMY MEET REST OF COLONY IN LAST MAJOR RUGGER FIXTURE TONIGHT

By "PAK LO"

This evening the last major fixture of the year takes place on the Club ground at 6.30 p.m., when the Army meet the Rest of the Colony under floodlit conditions.

The Army, as might well be expected, is putting forth a very strong team with a fast and heavy pack led by Collett. The two wing forwards, Hill and McCullagh have many times this season proved themselves worthy of inclusion in this side.

Glen and Keir as the scrum and fly halves respectively should make a fine combination. For Kere given a good steady service from the base of the scrum, which he should receive, is a past master at making and finding an opening for his three.

The latter are fast, and Calne and Boorman on the wings are deadly in attack. Rowe is, as expected the natural selection for full back.

The Rest of the Colony side is not as strong as the Army in the back division for though the three are definitely the best available, the halves are not as strong as could be wished.

However, they might combine better than expected which will make a big difference to the Rest's attack.

SPEED AND COVER

Valentine and Fraser in the centres both have an excellent turn of speed, and cover well in defence. Again the full back is an automatic selection for at present there is no one else other than Johnstone of the calibre necessary for this game. The latter can be safely

relied upon to stop most of the attacks and will probably have a busy evening.

While the back division is fairly good the forwards are excellent. With Shelley, Kerr, Lamb and Paige the Army will find their work cut out for them, particularly in the line-outs where the Army forwards for once should be due for a rude shock.

Penman moves back to his more natural position of wing forward, and is fully capable of upsetting the Army halves especially with Paige working with him.

Knight has been picked as hooker, and with a strong pack behind him is fully capable of holding the ball back. The fact that he has played in the Club "B" with a rather weak pack so far this season may make him seem a doubtful choice, but he is definitely an up and coming hooker and should do well tonight.

In the loose the Rest seem the more likely to get the ball for, practically the whole of the pack consists of players who have

been outstanding in the loose for their respective sides.

THE OTHER WAY

Thus the Rest should get a plentiful supply of the ball, and if the two halves handle well the Rest should win, but the fast tackling of the Army wing forwards may unsettle the halves, and swing the game the other way, for the Army attack is the stronger of the two.

It is in defence that the Army are liable to break down for when ruffled they become flustered and start making simple mistakes.

This should on the whole turn out to be a very even game, with the odds very slightly on the side of the Rest.

TEAMS

Army: Rowe, Calne, Blincoe, Gerrard, Boorman, Keir, Glen, Collett, Barker, de Cordova, Kelly, Robinson, McCullagh, Dowling, Hill.

Rest of the Colony: Johnstone, Lovis, Fraser, Valentine, Hodgson, McGarrity, Cornah, Wills, Knight, Shelley, Kerr, Lamb, Paige, Thomas, Penman.

INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL

Portugal Trounce HK Filipino Team 17-0 In Initial Round

By "TIME OUT"

Playing inspired ball before a near capacity crowd that filled the bleachers and the hillsides at King's Park yesterday, Portugal's Men's team whitewashed Frank Barros' Hongkong Philippines 17-0 in the initial round of the Men's International Series.

Portugal's Hurler "Google" Marques turned in a brilliant game with seven strikeouts in his five-inning toil on the mound while his mates battered Philippine slabster R. Pacheco for eight solid blows to gather in a 17-0 one-hit triumph.

In the distant section of the Series, Mark Kwong's China nine proved their supremacy over the Portuguese girls as they pounded out a convincing 12-5 decision, outshining their opponents in each and every inning, to take the first game of their three-game series. Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Softball Association Willie Woo lobbed over the first ball and the China girls took it from there to climb the first rung of this classic pennant ladder.

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL

Behind the steady right arm of spinballer "Google" Marques, who had the opposition cowering at his feet with one measly bingle in their five-inning massacre, Ed Carvalho's Portugal squad unleashed an eight-hit barrage in a real Christmas fashion to blank the Hongkong Philippines 17-0.

With both sides going scoreless in the initial frame, Portugal rocketed far into the lead in the second when young Frank Loureiro touched off a six-hit barrage with a drive into rightfield. Five further smashes, two free tickets to first and six telling errors on the Philippine side saw a mad scramble of Portuguese batsmen rounding the sacks in a monotonous fashion and when the dust finally settled on the third out, the scoreboard read 10-0 in favour of Portugal.

Never relaxing a moment, Portuguese hurler "Google" Marques kept dishing out those goose eggs to the Philippine batsmen while his mates kept on shagging for three runs in the third, one in the fourth and three more in the fifth to wind up on the long end of a 17-0 count in this five-inning massacre.

Portugal mentor Ed Carvalho gambled on starting Marques on the mound, and the result was a victory for Portugal. Marques turned in his best game this season, giving up only one hit, a bunt in the initial frame, while claiming seven victims via the strikeout route. Young Frank Loureiro led the batting parade with a masterful three-in-four attempt, while Joey Reis paced him with two hits in three trips to the plate.

LADIES' QUARTER

In the Ladies' quarter, the Chinese girls proved too strong for the Portuguese females as they outthrust and outplayed their shabby foes for a convincing 12-5 victory.

\$6,500 Returned To Turpin

New York, Dec. 27. A New York State Supreme Court Justice today ordered the return of \$6,500 (about £2,820) to British boxer Randolph Turpin.

The money was part of \$10,000 (about £3,570) Turpin paid into court over a dispute with Miss Adelle Daniels who sued him for alleged assault.

Miss Daniels sued for \$100,000 (about £35,714), but she agreed on December 2 to accept \$3,500 (about £1,250). Later she went back on this agreement, saying that she was under emotional strain when she consented.

Justice Owen McGovern today granted a motion on behalf of Turpin to pay her \$3,500 from the \$10,000 in the court's hands and ordered the return of the residue.

Miss Daniels had alleged that Turpin, former World Middleweight Champion, assaulted her several times on visits to her flat while he was in the United States to fight Carl (Bobo) Olson. —China Mail Special.

Portugal broke into the run column in the initial canto with a lone tally but the China half of that inning saw Mark Kwong's orientals come roaring back into play with five runs, capitalizing on six costly blunders and three walks to sew up the ballyhoo.

The Portuguese lassies tried desperately to crawl back into the game after that disastrous inning but China was not to be denied this victory as they played a steady brand of ball, knocking out a further six hits in the remaining innings to walk off with a well-deserved 12-5 triumph.

Kwan Yit-ching, of South China, totted on the mound for the winners and turned in a brilliant game, limiting the Portuguese sluggers to five scattered hits, while losing slabsures. Terry Andaya, who also dished up a good game but with poor fielding support from her team, was tucked for seven blows.

Western Province Scores 41 Runs Win In Currie Cup

Johannesburg, Dec. 27. Western Province beat Eastern Province by 41 runs in the Currie Cup cricket match which ended at Port Elizabeth today.

Eastern Province batting last needed 108 for victory, but apart from a stubborn 74 by Springbok all-rounder Anton Murray their wickets fell regularly and they were all out for 120.

Summarised Scores: Western Province 218 and 220 (T. Pithey 65); Eastern Province 277 (H. Emslie 51, J. Liddle 4/73) and 128 (A. Murray 74). Western Province won by 41 runs.

In another Currie Cup fixture played at Durban, Natal took first innings points from their match against Transvaal which ended one hour early because of bad light.

Three Springbok batsmen scored centuries in the match. Russell Endean hit 130 in Transvaal's first innings of 342 while Roy McLean (100) and John Watkins (144) helped Natal to reply with 359.

Summarised Scores: Transvaal 342 (R. Endean 130, J. Watkins 68, H. Taylor 5/107) and 178 for five (K. Funder 83 not out). Natal 359 (R. McLean 100, J. Watkins 144, P. Heine 4/72). —Reuter.

FOURTH TEST

Only One Change In NZ Cricket Touring Team

Calcutta, Dec. 28. The New Zealand cricket team for the fourth Test against India here today shows one change from the side that drew the third Test in New Delhi.

Noel Harford, a right-hand batsman and medium pace change bowler, replaced Matt Poore, the Canterbury all-rounder.

Harford played in the drawn first Test in Hyderabad but was dropped for the next two Tests. India led 1-0 in the five Test series, having won the second with the other two drawn.

The New Zealand team will be: B. Cave (captain); J. R. Reid, B. Sutcliffe, J. C. Alabaster, N. S. Harford, J. W. Guy, J. A. Higgins, T. G. Legg, A. R. MacGibbon, S. N. McGregor, T. G. McMahon; 12th man—E. C. Patric—China Mail Special.

Alec Head May Bid For Our Guineas Double

By JAMES PARK

French trainer Alec Head must be toying with the idea of stepping up in 1956 his remarkable record this year, when he won more than £18,000 in stake-money. That was the result of winning eight races with five horses.

It was a notable feat, and it is a poor commentary on the opposition that he should have saddled the winners of the Middle Park Stakes and Cheveley Park Stakes. They are regarded as semi-classic races for two-year-olds.

After a hard battle that Bunson Ardent beat Edmundo and Final Court in a short heat and head finish for the Middle Park Stakes, the performance of that performance, Bunson Ardent has been paired close any of the home trained colts.

The trainer and his jockey, Roger Poincelot, could not get to the meeting because of fog. They turned up later in the week to win the Champion Stakes with Half II.

Don Smith was substituted for Poincelot on Bunson Ardent but there was nobody to give him instruction, and he had not even the colt before he had to use his own judgment.

When Head heard what had happened he said the colt could have been ridden differently if he had been present to give the jockey his orders.

I fancy Head was a little surprised at Bunson Ardent's victory and he made no secret of the fact that he had a better colt in the stable. That does not make things look healthy for next year.

But Bunson Ardent is in the 2,000 Guineas, Derby, and St. Leger, but if he runs in any of them it is likely to be the Guineas.

On his breeding I doubt whether Bunson Ardent will stay more than a mile, but if he



ALEC HEAD

He saddled the winners of our two semi-classic races for two-year-olds.

gets that distance it is obvious he will have to be considered in the first of the season's classic races next year.

SAME MARK

Midgitt II is placed on the same mark as her stable companion, which means the filly is regarded as 3lb. the better, making the usual allowance for sex.

Midgitt II may have had an easy task in the Cheveley Park Stakes. Most of our allies had been coughing, and there is no doubt several were below par during First October week at Newmarket.

It was virtually a one-horse race from the time Poincelot started his run. Midgitt II sailed into the lead with the greatest of ease to beat La Fresnaye by four lengths.

I have tried to calculate the value of the form in the Middle Park and Cheveley Park without being able to find a satisfactory answer. There is electric timing at Newmarket, otherwise no time would have been possible for the Middle Park.

Whereas I am a believer in two-year-olds' times, there are occasions when I find it difficult to make a calculation. The handicapper has had to guess about the relative ability of Bulson Ardent and Midgitt II, and I find myself in the same position.

Certainly I do not regard Midgitt II as being so much in front of her stable companion as the watch would suggest. We shall have to trouble about Midgitt II only in the 1,000 Guineas next year. That is her sole classic liability in Britain. I should say connections are right in taking the view that the filly will not stay beyond a mile.

Midgitt II seems to take after her sire in respect of speed and it would not be surprising to learn that filly is laying plans to attempt the Guineas double with Bulson Ardent and Midgitt II.

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Ring Award To Ray Robinson. Paris, Dec. 27. French boxing critics have awarded the annual "Grand Prix du Ring" to Ray Robinson, who recently regained the World Middleweight boxing title. —China Mail Special.

Uncle Sam Wants World Series Pitching Hero

Brooklyn, Dec. 27.

The Brooklyn Dodgers received word today from lefty Johnny Podres, their World Series pitching hero, that the Surgeon General's Office in Washington had reclassified his draft status to 1-A or unfit for military service soon.

Podres advised Dodge Vice-President E. J. (Buzzie) Bavalet that he had received notice of the change in his draft status at his home in New York.

Previously, the Dodge pitcher, had been classified 4-F or unfit for military service because of a chronic back ailment. However, after his shining performance in the World Series in which he beat the Yankees in two games and wrapped up the seventh and deciding one with a 2-0 shutout triumph, his upstate New York draft board ordered another physical examination.

The results of this examination were not made known at the time but were sent to the Surgeon General's Office for analysis. This is the procedure involving all persons who are prominent and in the public eye. The Dodgers did not know how soon Podres would be called up for induction but expected little hope that he would be available for any part of the 1956 campaign.

Last season, when he was bothered not only by his back but by occasional arm trouble, he had an unimpressive 9-10 won-and-lost record. But on the basis of his two fine triumphs in the World Series, the Dodgers had counted on him for big-time duty next season. —United Press.

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Monotype For Olympic Regatta New To Australia

Melbourne.

The winner of the Finn-Monotype class Gold Medal at next year's Olympic yachting regatta on Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne, will have to be an active, experienced, skilled skipper, in good physical condition.

Those qualities are necessary to get that little bit of extra speed from the monotype to be first over the line, according to Jack Savage of Williamstown, a skipper himself, a student of sailships and men who sail them and the builder of 35 Finns to be used here by competing yachtsmen.

Australia, with no Finns a year ago, now has 41 of the class. Thirty-five of them will remain unsailed until visiting skippers stretch their sails and slip them into the water for the first time.

The Finns are being built under contract for £29,000 (£12,000 sterling) provided by the organisers of the Olympic Games. They will remain the property of the organisers after the Games and will be available for sale to visiting competitors or on the local market.

The first Finns and 5.5 metre class yachts are now making

their first appearances in Australia at senior yacht clubs.

ONE DESIGN

They represent two of five classes taking part in the Olympics regatta. The other three classes are International Star Class, International Dragon Class and the 12 Square Metre "Sharpies" Class.

Competitors will have Finns built strictly to one design, to be sailed by one man. The overall length of the boat is 14 feet 9 inches, beam 4 feet 11 inches, and the sail area 108 square feet.

The centre plate is of aluminium, weighing 19 lbs and the rudder of 1 inch plywood.

By the hot mould process, Finns are "cooked" to perfection in the yards to compress the laminations. Diagonal layers of Queensland maple veneer are laid on a master mould and glued before the cooking is completed. Every hull is then finished in a jig to ensure absolute uniformity in shape.

Cotton sails, specially imported from England, will dress the craft and will remain in Navy store until they are ballasted for by the contestants.

Australian yachtsmen who have seen the first Finn have been interested in the 23 feet hollow spruce mast made of selected spruce in five pieces to match the grain. It holds the boom and pivots through 160 degrees. No stays or shrouds are used on the mast which undergoes a stiff test for even flexibility.

The Finn Monotype was designed in 1950 by Richard Sarby, Swedish monotype and canoe specialist. It was selected by the Scandinavian Yacht Racing Association as the monotype for the 1952 Olympic Games, in which 28 nations competed.

Two of the craftsmen working at the Savage boatyards, Williamstown, on a new 5.5 metres class yacht for the Olympic Yachting Regatta, Tom Savage and Bob French, have many successes in Australian yachting behind them.

Both these men study the 5.5 metres restrictions of the International Yacht Racing Union as they work on the hull being made with imported mahogany for an unknown owner whom they call "Mr. X". The craft which they are building was ordered by a solicitor who provided the instructions for a "clinker".

CLINKER BUILT

No Olympic class yacht for next year's Games is clinker built like the International Dragon Class, the 5.5 metres class boats are carved built on steam bent ribs. The work must be accurate in every detail as every craft is checked by an official measurer before being passed for racing.

The weight of the mahogany covering the ribs is 35 lbs to the cubic foot, but a variation of hull sizes and sail dimensions is allowed. Length, sail area, draught and displacement are factors in official assessments.

Sails in this class may be synthetic or cotton according to the taste of each skipper and crew.

Visiting competitors are expected to spend some weeks on Port Phillip Bay getting the "feel" of the craft new to them and interpreting the mood of the Bay before racing for the Olympic medals. — China Mail Special.

A FINE GOAL



A fine goal by South China Morning Post Sports Association's Lau Chi-hung in a basketball match against Cheung Chau on Boxing Day. Cheung Chau won 51-48, but not after a hard tussle where the issue was in doubt right to the final whistle. — China Mail Photo.



In place of the usual Spot of Honour, which has become a popular feature of this column, I am substituting—for this week only—a sort of Commendation Corner to offer collective applause to all those willing 'sportsmen' who took part in the many and varied sports programmes organised by units over Christmas.

The good old hardy annuals were all in evidence. Messes teamed up to play the men: messes played against messes: all participants in the most fantastic garb and governed the strangest code of rules than man could devise to war in unfamiliar games masquerading under familiar names.

It is all great fun of course but every Christmas the veterans declare that, as far as they are concerned, it's a case of 'never again', and as regularly as the arrival of the festive season itself, they are back again the following year.

One of the most hilarious of the Christmas games took the form of a full-scale soccer match wherein everything was normal except the ball for the special 'Christmas Rules' demanded that a rugby ball should be used.

The whole affair was treated with mock gravity by the participants although the game was actually played to roars of laughter from the spectators.

AFTERMATH

These traditional Christmas games are always great fun when they are being played or a long time afterwards. The "funny" aspect is sometimes temporarily forgotten in the immediate aftermath when creaking joints and aching muscles predominate the thoughts.

I wonder how many of those who took part in 'Unit Entertainment' games have already declared "Never again" and I wonder too, how many of them will be back in the forefront of next year's high jinks.

In spite of the trials and tribulations I hope all Army sportsmen and sports-women had a wonderful Christmas.

Army soccer will be well represented in the International Series which is due to be played at Caroline Hill tonight under floodlights. The games are as follows: Scotland v. Portugal at 6.15 p.m. and England v. China at 8 o'clock. McInnes, McMillan, Frizell, Chalmers and McClay will be in the line-up of the Scottish side.

Charlesworth, Crompton, White and Morris are in the English eleven while Hogan, Mullett and Chesterman are listed as reserves.

It is expected that there will be a big crowd for this 'double-header' attraction and intending spectators are advised to get to the ground as early as possible.

THIS YEAR'S BISLEY

Anyone who has had an opportunity to read through the excellent programme that has been prepared for the forthcoming Hongkong Bisley cannot fail to be impressed by the thoroughness of the general planning and the preparations that have been made.

The Bisley will be held at the Kai Tak Ranges from January 22 to 29 and the President of the Hongkong Rifle Association, Hon. M. W. Turner, points out in his foreword to the Handbook that the programme this year has been altered to conform more closely to that of the Bisley Meeting in England. It is hoped that the changes will still further increase the interest of the participants.

While the event is held under the auspices of the Hongkong Rifle Association it is actually conducted by the Army by kind permission of His Excellency The Commander British Forces.

An interesting new event has been added to the already imposing list and as this is an International Match in which members may compete for their Mother country it is expected to prove a most popular innovation. There will be a total of 33 Trophies, in addition to silver cups, bronze medals and cash.

Asian Tennis Results

Calcutta, Dec. 27. Koshi Kamo of Japan and Sumant Mirra of India reached the fourth round of the Men's Doubles in the Asian Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

In the third round they beat an Indian pair, E. Abrecht and P. Lal 3-5, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. Reuter.

Concluding 'MY BOXING SECRETS', As Told By
JOHNNY BEST To JOHN MACADAM

Jimmy Walsh Upset Odds—And Mizler

One of the most remarkable characters who ever ducked under the Liverpool Stadium ropes was Jimmy Walsh, of Chester, one of only two men to beat Ernie Roderick in the years of his greatness between 1935-1939.

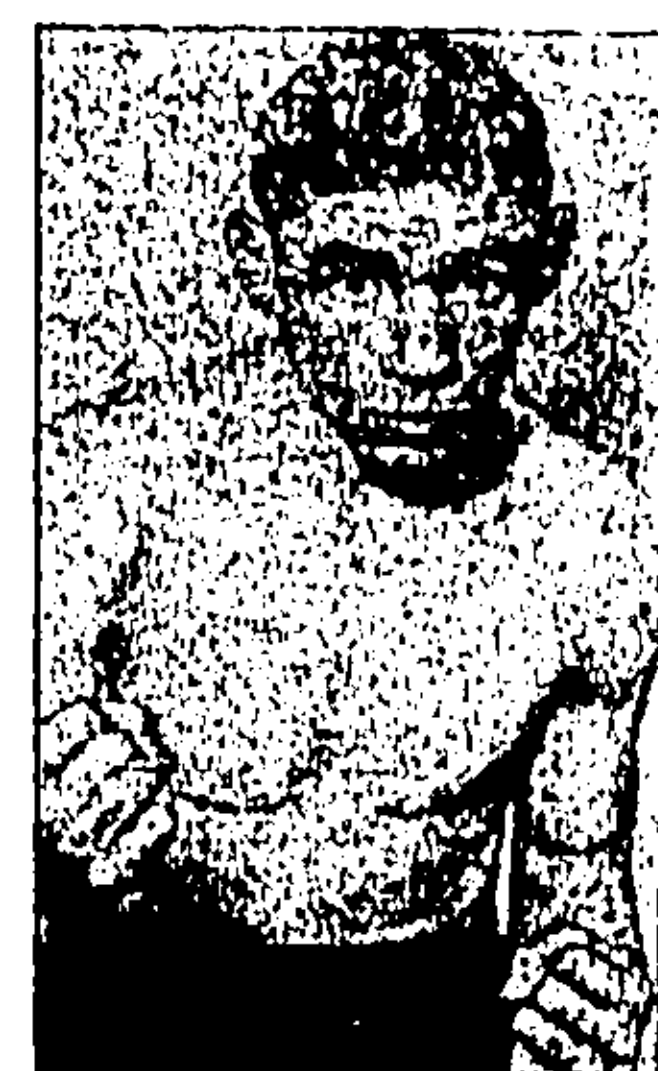
Tony and Dom Valro looked quizzically at each other one day in the early 30s when a lean scraggy lad with a dead-pan expression walked into their gym and announced that he wanted to fight.

With the weary air of men who'll try anything once, they took time out from other chores to cast an eye over him as he moved into action. One look was enough to tell them that here was more than the makings.

You may recall that the good-looking East-End Londoner Harry Miller, was toppling them all around this time and eventually we brought him to the stadium to meet Walsh. Jimmy was only a featherweight, and local opinion did not give him much of a chance. Nevertheless, he was another of those nervous characters like Freddie Miller and Peter Kane and wasn't in the least upset.

JUST BRILLIANT

It was Miller and the odds that were upset. Walsh put up one of the most brilliant displays of box-fighting I have



JIMMY WALSH

seen in the stadium to outpoint Mizler—the first halt in the Londoner's career.

Walsh went on to many fine wins for us. He snook Freddie Miller to his heels with some smashing right-hand punches to the jaw, and again, against the odds, put up a terrific show. He took the lightweight title from Jack Kid Berg with us, and put Neil Tarleton down for one of the longest counts "Nellie" ever took.

Despite that long count, Neil won on points, but Jimmy Walsh went on to beat a very good American and also the formidable Jimmy Stewart.

A sensible boy, Jimmy Walsh. He looked after his money and became a highly successful business man in his own Chester, to which he had brought his only British title.

Jack Kid Berg must have been in thorough agreement with the old graveyard-of-Champions tag, for apart from that defeat by Walsh, he was stopped by Jimmy Stewart at the stadium in a fight that is still being talked about. That was a fight, if ever there was one.

DOWN WENT BERG

Ray Arcel, that great American handkerchief, was in Berg's corner, and he must have thought the fight was in the bag when, after a couple of rounds, Berg had Stewart in an apparently helpless condition. Arcel was very confident as he sent Berg out for the kill in the third round.

But Stewart was nobody's fool. As Berg came out, the local boy loosed one of his specials to the chin and Berg went down for nine. He managed to get up and ran into another right to the jaw and went down again for nine.

Berg was a game fighter if ever there was one, and struggled up again, this time with his back to the ropes, helpless, and before Stewart could land another punch, he slumped to the floor.

The referee, Ben Green, stepped in then, and stopped it, for Kid Berg, who had blazed his way around the States in the best tradition of the Great British fighters, had had enough. It's a funny place, the Stadium, with queer traditions and queer loyalties.

HKCC BEAT ARMY

The Hongkong Cricket Club beat the Army by three runs in the first match of the Annual Triangular Tournament between the HKCC, Army and Combined Navy and Royal Air Force at Chater Road yesterday.

The Army were very unlucky not to win the match as their tail-end batsman was run out just when Army wanted four runs for victory.

The whole day match produced a combined total of 600 runs with four half centuries scored by the Cricket Club's batsmen.

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Total (for 7 wickets) 303

Fall of wickets—1-6, 2-48, 3-129, 4-150, 5-253, 6-253, 7-253.

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Nash	12	1	63	9	1	1	1	1	1
Lipcombe	12	1	63	9	1	1	1	1	1
Greenhalgh	12	1	63	9	1	1	1	1	1
Withall	12	1	63	9	1	1	1	1	1
Crook	12	1	63	9	1	1	1	1	1

Army		Stanton	
Withall	43	Stanton	43
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Bow Bells Will Ring Again

Dick Whittington's
Church Appeals
For £150,000

London, Dec. 27.
The famous old London church linked
with Dick Whittington, St Mary-le-Bow, is
appealing for £150,000 so that its bells may
ring again.

Its peals, silenced by Nazi bombs
dropped during an air raid in May, 1941,
date back to the Middle Ages.

It is the curfew bell of Bow
which is mentioned in "Oranges
and Lemons", the old English
nursery rhyme about the church
bells of London.

"I'm sure I don't know,"
says the Big Bell of Bow.

Real Dick

It was the curfew bell which,
in the year 1374, was heard by
the legendary Dick Whittington
and brought him back to be
three Lord Mayor of London
and a pantomime hero for cen-
turies to come.

There was a real Richard
Whittington. He did marry
Alice, the daughter of Sir Ivo
Fitzwater (not Sir Hugh Fitz-
water, as in the pantomime)
and he was three times Lord
Mayor of London. He was also
the most famous Lord Mayor of
the Middle Ages, but he was
never a scullion.

Still, the historian, say-
ing nothing about the legend of the
ill-fated tourist apprentice
achieving fortune with the help
of his cat, which, incidentally, is
common to the medieval folk-
lore of several European coun-
tries.

The story seems to have been
in connection with Whittington
and Bow Bell in a play pre-
sented in 1605.

At this time Londoners were
known as "How Bell Cocksney",
to distinguish them from other
"cocksneys", the contemptuous
term used by the landed aristoc-
racy and squires for those who
dwelt in large towns.

After Conquest

In 1017, Minsheu, the lexico-
grapher, recorded that "cock-
ney" applied only to persons
born within sound of Bow Bell.
According to this no Cockneys
have been born in London for
more than 14 years—nor, indeed,
can any be born until the
broken bells are recast and ring-
ing, and then voices rise once
more above the din of the traffic
along Chancery Lane.

The Normans built their
cathedral there after the Conquest
of 1066. The earliest mention of
it, in 1091, refers to it as
"Ecclesia Sanctae Mariae quae
dicitur inter Arches", the Church
of St Mary which is called "at
the Arch" or Bow, because of
the lovely arches, or bows, of
its crypt. In course of time, the
church became known as St
Mary-of-the-Arches, and finally
St Mary-le-Bow.

The "Court of Arches", the
Church of England's ancient
Appeal Court, which in Catholic
times published Papal documents
and tried heretics, took its name
from the crypt. The fact that
these still place to meet at all
gives plausibility to a theory
that the site was earlier occupied
by a Roman court or basilica.

One of the arches of St Mary
is completely Roman, and 18
feet down below the steeple is a
Roman causeway four feet thick.

Take Oath

The Court of Arches still
exists, though it now has very
limited powers and meets else-
where.

For over 400 years, all Bishops
coming under the Archbishop of
Canterbury have had their ap-
pointments confirmed at Bow
Bells. The next Bishop of Lon-
don will also go there to take
the oath of allegiance before his
enthronement in St Paul's
Cathedral.

The six bells which first play-
ed the tune "Turn again,
Whittington, three Lord Mayor
of London" were destroyed in
the Great Fire of London of
1666.

When Sir Christopher Wren
started rebuilding the ruined

city, he put his whole soul into
planning the tower and steeple
of St Mary-le-Bow. The tenor
curfew was hung in 1669, but
the peal of twelve was not
completed until 1888.

In the 1930s, the death watch
bells interrupted the chimes
for a short time. Then, on the
night of May 11, 1941, incendiary
bombs showered on London by
Hitler's Air Force burnt out the
church and the bells crashed
down through the gutted tower.

The problem today is how to
rebuild Wren's masterpiece
while preserving as far as
possible the Norman arches. The
original scheme to use the entire
crypt as an underground chapel
has had to be abandoned. It was
found that the arches were un-
sound. The new church will have
to be underpinned by driving a
series of enormous concrete piles
30 or 40 feet down into the
London mud. It is the which is
going to cost so much money.

Only Place

Only the south aisle of the
crypt, until 1815 the sealed-up
burial place of about a thousand
people, will be used as a chapel.
The north aisle will be converted
into a lunch club for young city
clerks and typists.

At the moment, the only place
where a service can be held in
St Mary-le-Bow is in what
used to be the vestry.—China
Mail Special.

PEACE—BUT
NOT IN ARMS

Berne, Dec. 27.
The Swiss Council of Peace
Associations protested against a
decision to inscribe in arms
liberties of peace (liberty and
peace in arms) on a new issue
of 25-franc gold coins.

The Council, which groups 12
non-Communist organizations,
looked exception to the reference
to arms. It also called, at its
annual assembly, for an end to
all-bomb experiments by the
United States, Britain and the
Soviet Union.—China Mail
Special.

'Britain Running Risk'

Cairo, Dec. 27.
Egypt's Premier, Colonel
Gamal Abdel Nasser, believes
that Britain is running the risk
of losing her position in Jordan
by her present policy there, the
British Labour MP, Mr. Richard
Crossman, told newspapermen
today after an interview with
the Premier.—France-Press.

ROYAL PAT
FOR HORSEPatriarch's Successful
Visit To Greece

Belgrade, Dec. 27.

The Serbian Orthodox Church will
enter 1956 with increased prestige, in the
opinion of foreign observers here,
following a successful visit by the
Patriarch Vikentije to Greece.

One concrete result was that the
Archbishop Spiridon of Athens accepted
an invitation from the Patriarch to pay a
return visit here in the spring.

The Patriarch, accompanied
by two Bishops and seven
other church dignitaries, spent
three weeks during November
in Athens, Corfu and Mount
Athos on his first journey
abroad since assuming office
five years ago. He had pre-
viously refused invitations to
the Soviet Union and Rumania.

Warmly Praised

The delegation, representing
Yugoslavia's largest religious
community with 7,000,000 be-
lievers out of a population of
17,000,000, was received in
Greece with high honours.

The Orthodox Church could
be described as becoming for
the first time a factor in post-
war Yugoslav foreign policy.
The visit served to strengthen
the already close friendship
between Yugoslavia and Greece
in the Balkan Alliance.

In his public statements, the
Patriarch warmly praised
Greek-Yugoslav friendship.
Judging from press reports,
however, he was careful when
asked political questions by
reporters, though he guardedly
came out in favour of Greece
over Cyprus. He was described
as telling a questioner who
asked about Cyprus that the
autocephalous Orthodox Churches
always helped their peoples in
their national aspirations, and
he deeply esteemed Archbishop
Makarios as a prelate.

The Yugoslav Government
provided every facility for the
Patriarch's journey, a number
of unresolved problems still exist
between the Yugoslav Govern-
ment and the Orthodox Church.
They include the following:

★ 1. Despite Government
pressure, the Bishops as a
body have steadily refused to
recognise the Government-
sponsored priests' associations.
These associations, one in each
Republic, are openly incorporated
in the Government's mass
political organisation, the So-
cialist Alliance, and the Yugo-
slav authorities claim that 70
per cent of the clergy have
joined them.

★ 2. The future of the
church in Macedonia still,
ten years after the end of
World War II, remains un-
settled, though the Patriarch
had inconclusive talks with
local priests and Government
leaders while passing through
Macedonia on his return from
Greece.

State Of Schism

The church in Macedonia is
in a state of schism with the
Belgrade Patriarchate. After
the war, Macedonia became one
of Yugoslavia's six Republics,
with its own official language,
and the government there
openly fostered attempts to
form an independent Macedonian
Orthodox Church.

In latter years, this demand
for independence has been
modified. The Belgrade Patri-
archate, for its part, would
now be prepared to allow the
church in Macedonia a
Macedonian rather than a
Serbian character. But, though
both sides have given ground,
no compromise settlement is yet
in sight.

★ 3. One of the Church's
four Archbishops, 72-year-
old Metropolitan Arsonije of
Montenegro, is in prison
serving a five and a half years
sentence for conspiring against
the Government after a trial, in
1954, criticised by churchmen
in the West.

The Bishops appealed to
President Tito last summer for
clemency for the aged Arch-
bishop, but without result.

Complaints are sometimes
made in villages that gift
parcels from church bodies in
the West, which the Orthodox
Church is not allowed to dis-
tribute, are given to recipients
according to the wishes of Gov-
ernment authorities rather than
those of the local church or-
ganisations.

Tension Relaxed

But, despite these differences,
tension in church-state relations
has relaxed. Some new churches
have been built and consecrated,
though the Church's budget
shows a steady deficit due
partly to heavy taxation and to
loss of revenues from land
under the Government's limita-
tion of holding to 10 hectares
(25 acres).

The Government gives some
financial help, largely for the
preservation and restoration of
old churches and monasteries
as monuments of cultural and
historical importance. On the
other hand, the Church is not
always able to get the Govern-
ment to de-regulation church-
owned property, and there are
cases of Bishops being unable to
live in their palaces for this
reason.—China Mail Special.

JELLYFISH
ATTACKS
SWIMMER

Port Elizabeth, Dec. 27.
A giant jellyfish attacked a
young woman swimming at
Amsterdam Hoek, near Port
Elizabeth. She said "everything
went black" as the jellyfish
clung to her face.

She was given treatment for
severe shock and stings.—China
Mail Special.

'Expel Formosa'
Demand

Paris, Dec. 27.
The Outer Mongolian Gov-
ernment has called on the
"people of Asia" and the world
to expel immediately the Na-
tionalist delegation from the
United Nations, the New China
News Agency reported today.

The Mongolian Government
blamed the Nationalist Govern-
ment for the recent blocking of
its admission to the United Na-
tions.—France-Press.

Sailor Breaks
Shop Window

An 18-year-old sailor from
the HMS Newcastle was fined
\$50 by Mr J. E. Durling at
Central this morning for
malleous damage. He was
additionally ordered to pay \$50
as compensation.

Insp. P. C. Young said that
defendant, Frederick Ward, was
seen yesterday by the com-
plainant, Wong Po-chun, walk-
ing along Hennessy Road, near
her shop. Suddenly, he
smashed her show window.

Wong summoned the Police
and defendant was arrested and
charged. Ward pleaded guilty
to the charge.

Insp. Young added that de-
fendant was slightly intoxicated
at the time.

Independent
Cinemas
Join Forces

Johannesburg, Dec. 27.
Independent South African
cinema owners, members of the
Association of Motion Picture
Exhibitors, have formed an
emergency defence committee
in Johannesburg to protect their
interests.

This step followed the post-
ponement of the Government-
sponsored film industry discus-
sions which were to have taken
place in Pretoria.

The Association wired the
Department of Commerce and
Industries to ask for price con-
trol on foreign film rentals.—
China Mail Special.

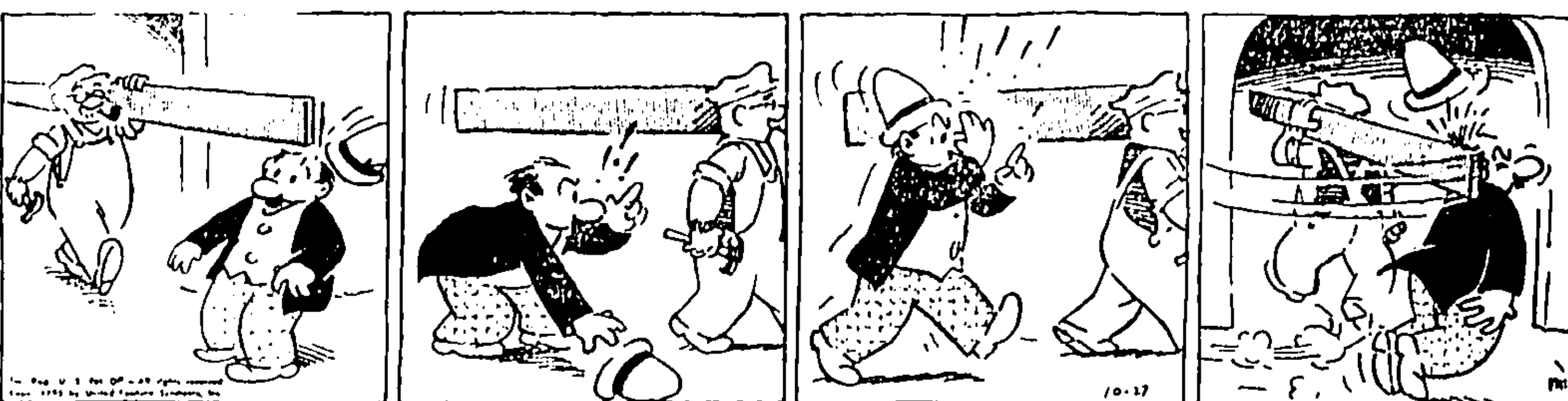
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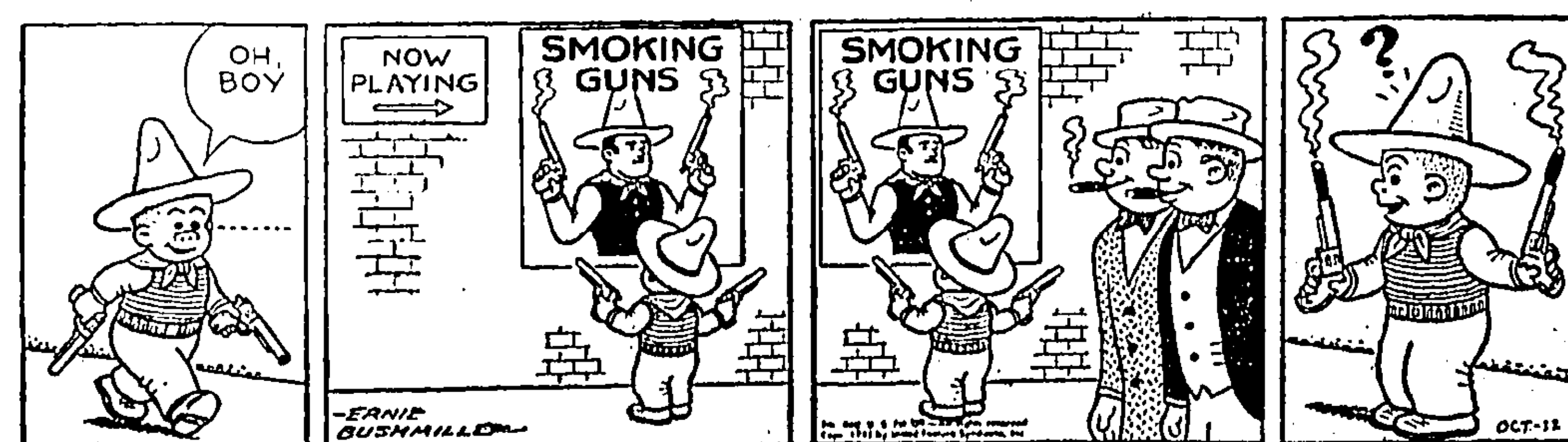
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